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Awesome Job Title: 'Blight Control Officer'



Officials in Norwich, Conn., are trying to figure out who dumped as many as 2,500 tires on city property behind a restaurant. Blight Control Officer Edward Martin says the mountain of tires was first noticed by workers Tuesday morning. Some were used, marked "no good" with X's marking holes, while others appeared to be new, with the labels still attached. There were multiple brands. (AP)

CAREERS

Unawesome Job Title: 'That Dude Who Rolls Giant Cigars'

A Cuban man is hoping that a 268-foot cigar he rolled is a world-record breaker. Jose Castelar and his assistants started work at the end of April and finished Tuesday. It has yet to be verified by Guinness World Records. Castelar already holds the Guinness mark for a 148-foot cigar he rolled in 2008. (AP)

CAT WORLD RECORDS

'Most Inconvenient Place To Throw Up' Still Unclaimed

It's official: Smokey the cat has roared her way into Guinness World Records having achieved the loudest purr by a domestic cat. The gray-and-white tabby, who lives in London, earned her place with 67.7 decibels. By comparison, a lawnmower is 90 decibels. (AP)

The Big Picture

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WHAT A MESH: South Korean acrobats performed "Rainbow Drops" above a public park in Seoul on Thursday to herald the start of a spring festival. The show involved 48 volunteers and a giant crane. (GETTY IMAGES)

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In Brief

HADLEY, MASS.

Fifth Mass. Teen Pleads In Bullying-Suicide Case

A fifth teenager admitted she participated in the bullying of a 15-year-old Massachusetts girl who later committed suicide. Ashley Longe admitted to sufficient facts to a charge of criminal harassment in the bullying of Phoebe Prince, a freshman at South Hadley High School who hanged herself in January 2010. (AP)

INDIANAPOLIS

Rep. Mike Pence to Run For Indiana Governor

Republican U.S. Rep. Mike Pence ended months of speculation Thursday when he announced he will run for Indiana governor in 2012, a move that quickly positioned him as a favorite to succeed Mitch Daniels in the state's top office. (AP)

ATLANTA

U.S. On Track for Most Measles Cases in Decade

The United States seems to be on track to have more measles cases than any year in more than a decade, with virtually all cases linked to other countries, including Europe, where there's a big outbreak. Already there have been 89 cases reported so far. The U.S. normally sees only about 50 cases of measles in a year, thanks to vaccinations. (AP)

COLUMBUS, OHIO

2 Ohio Students Drown, 1 Missing in Costa Rica

A strong undertow in the Pacific Ocean off Costa Rica swept a group of Ohio high school students out to sea Wednesday while they took a beach break during a Patriot Preparatory Academy religious mission trip, killing two of them and leaving a third missing. The first body recovered was that of Caity Jones. James Smith's body was recovered Thursday, and authorities were still searching for Kai Lamar, Red Cross spokesman Freddy Roman said. (AP)

U.S. Clears the Air on Bin Laden

Administration says only single defender shot at Navy SEALs

Washington

The Americans who raided Osama bin Laden's lair met far less resistance than the Obama administration described in the aftermath. The commandos encountered gunshots from only one man, whom they quickly killed, before sweeping the house and shooting others who were unarmed, a senior defense official said in the latest account.

In Thursday's revised telling, the Navy SEALs mounted a precise, floor-by-floor operation to find the al-Qaeda leader and his protectors — but without the prolonged and intense firefight that officials had described for several days.

By any measure, the raid was fraught with risk, sensationally bold and a historic success, netting



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a man who had been on the run for nearly a decade after his terrorist organization pulled off the devastating attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Even so, in the administration's haste to satisfy the world's hunger for details, and eager to make the

most of the moment, officials told a tale tarnished by discrepancies and apparent exaggeration.

Whether that matters to most Americans, gratified if not joyful that bin Laden is dead, is an open question. Republican House Speak-

Imperfect Accounts

It's taken as inevitable in military circles that initial reports of combat operations are almost always imperfect. Sometimes major details are wrong in the first telling, due either to misunderstandings or errors. As a result, the armed forces generally take the time necessary to double-check the story before making it public. In the Osama bin Laden case, the Pentagon was not the lead provider of information for an operation led by the CIA and followed in real time by the national security team. (AP)

er John Boehner, for one, shrugged off the backtracking to focus on the big picture: "I had a conversation with the president, and the president outlined to me the series of actions that occurred on Sunday evening. I have no doubt that Osama bin Laden is dead." (AP)

GOP: Medicare Deal Put on Hold

Plan to use vouchers as replacement stalls during budget talks

Washington

The GOP plan to replace Medicare with vouchers will have to wait, party leaders acknowledged Thursday as lawmakers and the White House bowed to political realities in pursuing a deal to allow more government borrowing in exchange for big spending cuts.

Both sides hinted at movement and Vice President Biden reported progress from an initial negotiating session.

Spending cuts and increasing



"I'm not interested in laying down more markers. I'm interested in solutions."

— MICHIGAN REP. DAVE CAMP, THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, CLARIFYING HIS SUPPORT FOR THE GOP'S APPROACH WHILE MAINTAINING THE NEED TO BE REALISTIC.

the amount of money the government can keep borrowing to pay its bills are "practically and politically connected," Biden said at the start of budget meetings with lawmakers at Blair House, the guest residence across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House.

The House Republican whose committee oversees Medicare said he's open to other approaches

besides the voucher plan that recently passed the House after a contentious debate that appears to have hurt the party with older voters.

President Obama and lawmakers of both parties face an Aug. 2 deadline to enact legislation that permits the government to increase its borrowing authority and meet lending obligations. ANDREW TAYLOR AND RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR (AP)



ANNIVERSARY

The Race to Space

Fifty years to the moment Alan Shepard rocketed away, Project Mercury workers, former astronauts and NASA leaders celebrated at the original Redstone launch pad Thursday. Shepard became the first American in space on May 5, 1961. The Soviet Union's Yuri Gagarin beat him into space by just 23 days. (AP)

\$3.2B

The amount General Motors reported it made in its first-quarter profits, released Thursday. Sales of the Cruze worldwide are at 600,000, making it one of the most successful car launches in years and GM plans to launch its first compact Buick and the subcompact Chevrolet Sonic later in the year. (AP)

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Memphis Flooding Rises

Officials: Mud City residents may need to leave homes soon

Memphis, Tenn.

Mud Island, which juts into the mighty Mississippi, pays homage to the Big Muddy with an elaborate scale model of the river, a museum about its history and a paddle-wheel steamboat that looks like something straight out of “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.”

But now Mud Island is getting too much of the Mississippi.

Rising waters practically lapped at the back porches of some of the island’s expensive houses Thursday, and homeowners weighed whether to stay or go.

Up and down Ol’ Man River, from Illinois to Louisiana, thousands faced the same decision as high water kept on rolling down the Mississippi and its tributaries, threatening to swamp communities over the next week or two. The flooding is already breaking high-water records that have stood



White River floodwaters surround a house in Georgetown, Ark., on Thursday.

since the 1930s.

“I’m going to sleep thinking, ‘I hope they don’t evacuate the island and we wake up and we’re the only ones here,’” said Emily Tabor, a Mud Island resident.

Emergency officials warned that residents may need to leave their homes as the river rises toward an expected crest next Wednesday of 48 feet — about 3 feet higher than on Thursday. The record in Memphis, 48.7 feet, was set in 1937.

ADRIAN SAINZ (AP)

Extent of Damage

Experts say a decision to blast open a levee and submerge more than 200 square miles of Missouri farmland is likely to cost state farms at least \$100 million. The planned explosions this week to ease the Mississippi River flooding threatening the town of Cairo, Ill., appear to have succeeded — but the effect on the farmland could take months or even years to become clear. (AP)

Study: Blacks Suffering Strokes Call Friends First

Washington

Most African-Americans call a friend or relative instead of 911 when they have symptoms of a stroke, potentially delaying arrival at a hospital and access to life-saving treatment, according to a new study.

The findings, published online Thursday in the journal Stroke,

795,000

The number of Americans who suffer a stroke each year, according to the American Stroke Association.

offer a clue for researchers seeking to understand the disparities in stroke treatment between blacks and whites. The findings have particu-

lar significance for predominantly black urban populations, researchers said. The study, by researchers at Georgetown University Medical Center, included interviews with stroke patients at Washington Hospital Center, the Washington region’s largest hospital.

Strokes are the third-leading cause of death in the United States.

LENA H. SUN (THE WASHINGTON POST)


Hearsay

“I was all shook up. It’s been a tradition tracking [the name Elvis] ups and downs, and to see him drop off the top 1,000, I have to be honest, we took that very hard at Social Security.”

— SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSIONER MICHAEL ASTRUE, ON LEARNING THURSDAY THAT THE NAME ELVIS WAS NO LONGER INCLUDED ON THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION’S LIST OF 1,000 MOST POPULAR BABY NAMES. JACOB AND ISABELLA NOW TOP THE LIST.

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Acetaminophen To Drop From Infant Medicine

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Johnson & Johnson and other makers of cold and fever medications said late Wednesday that they will discontinue infant drops of medicines containing acetaminophen in an effort to avoid confusion that can lead to dangerous overdoses.

The industry association for over-the-counter medicine companies said its members will begin phasing out the liquid drops later this year. After the transition is complete, companies will sell only a single formula for all children under the age of 12. (AP)

Poll: 'Birthers' Numbers Drop

Washington

The number of Americans saying President Obama was born in another country has been sliced in half, according to a new Washington Post poll.

In interviews following the public release of the president's "long-form" birth certificate last week, fully 70 percent of Americans said Obama was born in Hawaii, a big bump-up from the 48 percent who said so a year ago.

Overall, 10 percent of Americans say Obama was likely born abroad, down from 20 percent in an April 2010 Post-ABC poll. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Recovery Efforts Continue Across South



BUTCH DILL/AP

NENIA CAGLE, LEFT, CONSOLES Annie Muse as she cries after finding the purse of her daughter in the rubble Wednesday in Argo, Ala. A tornado ripped through the Argo area last Wednesday, killing Muse's sister. Across the South, many families still don't know if their missing loved ones are alive.

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A Stern Warning for U.S. From Pakistan

Army: Fallout ahead if more raids like bin Laden mission occur

Islamabad

Pakistan's army broke its silence Thursday over the U.S. raid that killed Osama bin Laden, acknowledging "shortcomings" in efforts to find the al-Qaeda chief but threatening to review cooperation with Washington if there is a similar violation of Pakistani sovereignty.

The tough-sounding statement was a sign of anger in the army, a sharp contrast to the initial response by the country's civilian leaders. It also appeared aimed at soothing what's viewed by many here as a national humiliation delivered by an unpopular America.

While international concerns are centered on suspicions that elements of the army sheltered bin Laden, most Pakistanis seem more upset that U.S. soldiers flew into the country and launched an attack — and that the army was unaware

275

The approximate number of declared U.S. military personnel in Pakistan. Pakistan's army demanded Thursday that number be reduced to the "minimum essential" number. (AP)

and unable to stop them. That it happened next door to a military academy and close to the capital added to the embarrassment.

Fears over India, which the army considers Pakistan's main

Backstory

Ties between the U.S. and Pakistan were already strained before the raid, partly due to American allegations that Islamabad was failing to crack down on militants hiding on Pakistani soil. However, defense policy chief Michele Flournoy said Thursday that the U.S. has no "definitive evidence" that Pakistani officials knew that the targeted compound was Osama bin Laden's hideout. (AP)

threat, also factored into the backlash. The army worries that unless it reacts strongly to the U.S. raid, India could use a similar argument to launch a helicopter strike to take out militants threatening it.

Earlier, Pakistani Foreign Secretary Salman Bashir also warned of "disastrous consequences" if the U.S. staged another similar attack on its territory. On Wednesday, U.S. State Department spokesman Mark Toner did not rule out the possibility the U.S. would do just that. (AP)

In Brief

ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST

Court Declares Ouattara President of Ivory Coast

Ivory Coast's highest court publicly reversed course Thursday, proclaiming Alassane Ouattara president, bringing the country full circle five months after a disputed vote nearly dragged the nation into civil war, as Laurent Gbagbo refused to cede power. (AP)

TOKYO

Workers Enter Building At Japan Nuclear Plant

Workers entered a damaged reactor building to begin repairs at Japan's stricken nuclear power plant Thursday for the first time since it was rocked by an explosion in the days after the devastating March 11 earthquake and tsunami, the plant's operator said. (AP)

BAGHDAD

Suicide Attack on Police Kills 20 in Baghdad

A suicide bomber drove into a Baghdad police compound Thursday and killed 20 officers in the second major deadly blast in Iraq this week. Iraqi officials have been scrambling to show they're in control of security in the wake of Osama bin Laden's death on Monday, but the bombings suggest that al-Qaeda-linked groups in Iraq remain a threat. (AP)

U.S. Eyes Gadhafi's Funds to Finance Rebels

Rome

The U.S. is trying to free up part of \$30 billion it has frozen in Libyan assets so it can better support opponents of Moammar Gadhafi, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told a conference Thursday on Libya.

Twenty-two nations and international organizations met in Rome to figure out how to help the Libyan rebels, who say they need up to \$3 billion in the coming months for military salaries, food, medicine and other basic supplies.

Clinton declared that the removal of Gadhafi from power remains "the outcome we are seeking."

The Rome conference agreed to establish an internationally monitored fund the rebels can access to provide such basics as food and medicine. Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini said nations have already pledged \$250 million in humanitarian aid.

Mahmoud Jibril, head of the rebels' executive body, welcomed the financial pledges.

"We are more than satisfied,"



An opposition fighter rests in Misrata, Libya, where Moammar Gadhafi's forces and rebels have been gridlocked for months.

he told reporters.

Jibril said he briefed the conference for the first time on a road map for Libya's future, including writing a constitution and calling parliamentary elections.

A U.S. and now NATO-led bombing campaign has kept Gadhafi's forces from advancing to the rebel-held east. NATO says its war-

\$53M

The amount of humanitarian aid for the Libyan rebels already pledged by the U.S., which has also authorized up to \$25 million in non-lethal assistance to the rebels, including boots, tents and rations. (AP)

planes will keep up the pressure on Gadhafi's regime as long as it takes to end the violence in Libya.

But NATO member nations are increasingly realizing, however, that air strikes and other military action alone won't end Gadhafi's attacks on rebel-held areas, and that funding the opposition could be key to success. (AP)



One Fine Vine: A 500-year-old grape vine, an ancestor of Austria's storied gruner veltliner white wine, survived a vandal's attack and is sending out new shoots after being hacked into pieces two months ago, an Austrian state broadcaster reported Thursday. The celebrated vine was found chopped down in February, and local vintners initially said it was unlikely to recover. But now it could bear grapes within three years, one vintner said. (AP)

Heart-Wrenching Vigil at a Mexican Mine



ALEXANDRE MENEGHINI/AP

RELATIVES WAIT on Thursday as rescue efforts continue for the eight men still missing after a blast on Tuesday in a coal mine in the town of San Juan Sabinas, Mexico. So far, the bodies of six miners have been recovered.

Last WWI Combat Vet, 110, Dies

Sydney

Claude Stanley Choules, the last known combat veteran of World War I, died Thursday in the Australian city of Perth, his family said. He was 110.

Beloved for his wry sense of humor and humble nature, the British-born Choules — called “Chuckles” by his comrades in the Australian Navy — never liked to fuss over his achievements, which included a 41-year military career and the publication of his autobiography, “The Last of the Last,” at 108.

One of seven children, Choules was born March 3, 1901, in Pershore, Worcestershire. World War



At 14, Claude Stanley Choules began training with the British Royal Navy.

I was raging when he began training with the British Royal Navy just a month after turning 14.

He met his wife, Ethel Wildgoose, in 1926, and they spent the

next 76 years together, until Ethel's death in 2003. They had three children — Daphne, Anne and Adrian, now in their 70s and 80s.

Choules later joined the Royal Australian Navy. During World War II, he was an acting torpedo officer and chief demolition officer for the western side of Australia.

Despite the fame his military service brought him, Choules, who retired in 1956, became a pacifist. He disagreed with the celebration of Anzac Day, Australia's most important war memorial holiday.

“He didn't believe in war,” his daughter Daphne Edinger said.

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Left Behind

A logistically complicated schedule the other day meant I boarded a Red Line train holding a purse, a backpack, a newspaper and a box of cupcakes. All of these things also managed to get off with me at Farragut North. And for that, I credit my recent visit to the Metro Lost and Found office, which reminded me how many passengers leave things behind.

Some 3,000 to 3,500 missing items find their way to the Prince George's Plaza depot each month. Far fewer humans make the trip.

I understand why when I make it myself — the journey entails exiting Metro, climbing across a pedestrian walkway, traversing a Target parking lot and then heading to the fifth floor of an office building.

The trek is clearly worth it when your lost loot is actually sitting here waiting for you when you arrive (because you've registered it in the database at Wmata.com). It's a lot less fun when folks dash over here immediately after they realize their stuff is gone, not knowing it can take several days for items to make their way here.

Once the stuff gets here, that's when Lendy Castillo, Metro's manager of consumer relations, and his staff of three get to work cataloging the items, noting any defining features. Without them, good luck trying to find anything.

"How do I know which one it is?" says Castillo, running his hand through a bucket brimming with keys, which — along with glasses and cell phones —

are the most common items here. There are plenty of handbags, backpacks and even massive suitcases here too. "Customers are always busy, but that's a big item to forget," Castillo notes. Still, ever since he found a pair of dentures in the office, nothing really surprises him.

A room full of green bins labeled by date holds hints about the lives of the people who populate Metro. There are backpacks, sleeping bags, canes, golf clubs. Was that Nationals hat discarded by a disappointed fan on the way home from a losing game? How did the owner of a DVD titled "Overcoming Deadly Emotions" react when it went missing?

There are also a fair number of unclaimed wallets and credit cards — probably because people just assume those items are stolen. That's often not the case, Castillo says, adding that he's impressed by just how much stuff gets turned in. "We have to thank riders for being good Samaritans," he says.

Even so, riders who want to avoid the trek to lost and found would be wise to make sure they have their backpacks, golf clubs — and dentures — with them when they get off the train.



By Vicky Hallett

METRO PULSE

What's the best gift you've ever given for Mother's Day?

"A big old card. It was like 2-feet tall, and we colored it ourselves when we were 10 and 8. She loved it so much she's kept it."

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In Brief

BETHESDA, MD.

Suspect Indicted In Yoga Store Employee Killing



Norwood

The Bethesda yoga store worker who allegedly killed her co-worker during a spat over stolen merchandise was indicted Thursday by a Mont-

gomery County grand jury on a charge of murder, prosecutors said. Brittany Norwood, 28, faces up to life in prison without the chance of parole if she is convicted, officials said. She remains locked up without bond. (TWP)

ROCKVILLE, MD.

Dryer Caused Explosion

Authorities say an improperly installed clothes dryer caused an explosion that destroyed a Rockville-area home and seriously injured two people. Montgomery County fire officials blamed the early Wednesday morning blast on the male occupant's attempt to replace a gas-powered dryer with an electric model and allowed gas to seep into the home. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, May 5

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Evening D.C. Five (Wed.) 7-3-6-9-2
Hot Lotto (Wed.) 3-10-12-22-36 (8)

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Mid-day Pick 3 4-3-0
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) 0-0-5
Mid-day Pick 4 3-9-0-1
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Match 5 (Wed.) 6-14-17-18-32 (24)
Multi-Match (Mon.) 2-13-19-28-32-37

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Mid-day Pick 3 4-4-5
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) 8-4-7
Mid-day Pick 4 8-7-9-3
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) 0-1-1-4
Mid-day Cash 5 3-15-17-26-32
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.) 9-10-20-29-34
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Census: D.C. Is Getting Younger

Nearly one-third of population made up of 20-to-34-year-olds

Washington

People in their 20s and early 30s now make up almost a third of the District's population, new U.S. Census figures show, and were responsible for almost all of the city's growth in the past 10 years.

The surge of young people reflects the city's growing allure to college graduates, who come to take advantage of the strong job market and help transform neighborhoods into lively centers of condominiums, clubs and coffee shops.

The District also experienced an increase in adults in their late 50s and early 60s during the past decade. At the same time, the number of children younger than 15 dropped by a fifth.

But the biggest change was the spike in the number of young adults.

About 190,000 of the city's 600,000 residents are between the ages of 20 and 34, a 23 percent jump.

The 35,000 additional people in that age group fueled the city's entire population gain between 2000 and 2010.

They did not settle evenly around the city. The increase was steepest in the wards that encompass Capitol

Hill, Northeast, downtown, Shaw and Logan Circle.

The growth among young adults was negligible in the city's poorest neighborhoods and in its most expensive. The census figures could not be broken down by race.

190K

The number of D.C. residents between the ages of 20-34 in 2010, a 23 percent jump from 2000, the census shows.

Demographers and urban experts said the census numbers confirm what is evident in Washington's crowded sidewalk cafes and bike lanes.

"This reflects the resurgence

of the city over the decade," said Alice M. Rivlin, who was chairwoman of the D.C. Financial Control Board.

"It's clearly become a more lively place, with more restaurants, more theaters, more things young people and empty nesters like to do in cities."

William H. Frey, a demographer with the Brookings Institution, said the District is following the same pattern seen in Boston and other places considered to be "cool cities."

"Young professionals [are] inhabiting the city while boomers have left to go to the suburbs," he said. CAROL MORELLO, DAN KEATING AND STEVE HENDRIX (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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NIKKI KAHN/TWP

FRED STORE, OF SACRAMENTO, CALIF., hands out literature on Thursday in D.C. on Constitution Avenue. Store is among a group of about 60 people criss-crossing the U.S. spreading their message about the end of the world: Oct. 21, 2011, as predicted by Harold Camping, an 89-year-old Christian broadcaster from California. The Doomsday caravan's leader has been wrong once before, in 1994, but this time he insists he's got the exact date of the Rapture correct. | postlocal.com



Helping Hand: Laura Bush is joining a major effort to raise hundreds of millions of dollars from corporations and individual donors to restore the National Mall. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar on Thursday named former first lady Bush the honorary chair of the \$350 million fundraising effort during a luncheon on the mall. Organizers say this year's annual luncheon raised \$1.75 million for the mall. (AP)

FBI: Suspicious Letters Mailed To D.C. Schools

Washington

Authorities say suspicious letters with powder inside them have been delivered to at least seven schools in Washington.

A spokeswoman for the FBI says four of the letters have been examined and were not found to contain any hazardous materials. They are still looking at the other three.

Pete Piringer, a spokesman for D.C. Fire and EMS, said some of the schools were evacuated for precautionary reasons. He said there have been no illnesses or injuries associated with the envelopes and no one was hospitalized.

The first letter was reported Thursday afternoon at Terrell Elementary School in Southeast. They were mailed to D.C. elementary, middle and high schools. (AP)

Cover Story

A Day of Remembrance

In a somber visit to ground zero, Obama reflects on 9/11's legacy

New York

Marking Osama bin Laden's death where the terrorist inflicted his greatest damage, President Obama soberly visited New York's ground zero Thursday and declared to the city and the world: "When we say we will never forget, we mean what we say."

On a brilliant blue-sky day, one of reflection more than celebration, Obama offered New Yorkers a moment of their own.

Standing at the gritty construction site of ground zero, where the twin towers fell on Sept. 11, 2001, and a memorial now rises, the president laid a wreath of red, white and blue flowers for the nearly 3,000 who died as he marked a turning point for the nation and this city of steely resilience.

Obama met with firefighters, then police, before having a solemn moment at ground zero and meeting privately with families of those who died.

"This is a symbolic site of the extraordinary sacrifice that was made on that terrible day," the president said at Engine 54, Ladder 4, Battalion 9.

The firehouse in New York's theater district lost 15 firefighters on 9/11, more than any other firehouse. The fire crews gave him hearty applause.

Giving Thanks

Months before the 10th anniversary of the attacks, and days after bin Laden was killed in Pakistan by U.S. commandos, Obama's visit was a day of remembrance, thanks given to firefighters, police and U.S. troops, and reminders of the chal-



President Obama shakes hands with first responders at a wreath-laying ceremony at ground zero in New York Thursday. He met with police and firefighters during his visit.

lenges ahead and the president's call for unity.

It wasn't a time to celebrate the military operation that killed bin Laden; that may come Friday, when the president visits Fort Campbell, Ky., home to the Army unit involved in transporting Navy SEALs in and out of bin Laden's compound. White House officials said Obama intended to privately thank participants in the raid.

Enthusiastic, emotional New Yorkers waited on streets to see Obama, but there were few displays like the more raucous exuberance of a few days earlier. There were happy faces, shouts of "USA! USA!"



Meanwhile ...

At the Pentagon, Vice President Joe Biden led a similar wreath-laying ceremony at the site where another plane hijacked on 9/11 crashed. Among those present was Donald Rumsfeld, who was President George W. Bush's defense secretary at the time of the attacks. (AP)

"Americans, even in the midst of tragedy, will come together, across the years, across politics, across party, across administrations, to make sure that justice is done."

— PRESIDENT OBAMA, WHO NEVER MENTIONED OSAMA BIN LADEN BY NAME IN HIS VISIT TO GROUND ZERO ON THURSDAY.

and flags waved, but most people were cordoned off blocks from where Obama could be seen.

The mood was more reflective at ground zero. As Obama bowed his head, a jetliner streaked by, far overhead.

A Decade Later

Obama's New York visit was intended to have a measured tone — not a bookend to President George W. Bush's visit after the attacks, when Bush took a bullhorn and called out his defiance to the terrorists.

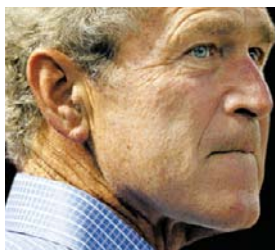
The bustling construction site that Obama visited bears little resemblance to the pit that

remained after the rubble of the towers was removed.

The emerging skyscraper informally known as Freedom Tower is more than 60 stories high now. Mammoth fountains and reflecting pools mark the footprints of the fallen towers.

Jim Riches, whose firefighter son was among the nearly 3,000 people killed at the World Trade Center, planned to meet with the president on Thursday.

"I just want to thank him, hug him and thank him and shake his hand," Riches said. "Father to father. Thank you for doing this for me." (AP)



Bush's Low Profile

Former President George W. Bush's decision not to appear at ground zero with President Obama after the death of Osama bin Laden is consistent with his desire to keep a low public profile, former first lady Laura Bush said Thursday. "He's made the real decision not to enter into politics or the public eye," Laura Bush said. She said she and her husband were out to dinner Sunday when they received word that Obama wanted to speak with him, and Bush went home to take the call informing him that U.S. forces had killed bin Laden in Pakistan. Bush congratulated Obama and U.S. forces in a statement Sunday night. (AP)

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7 P.M. The Chicago Bulls shoot to take a 2-1 Eastern Conference semifinals lead over the Atlanta Hawks, and then Dirk Nowitzki and the Dallas Mavericks aim to put Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers in a 3-0 hole in the Western Conference semifinals. ESPN
7:30 P.M. The San Jose Sharks can sweeten the Detroit Red Wings and then the Boston Bruins look to do the same to the Philadelphia Flyers. Versus

Saturday

4 P.M. Dialed In is the favorite to capture the Kentucky Derby. NBC

5 P.M. The Grizzlies-Oklahoma City Thunder series shifts to Memphis with the teams tied at 1. ESPN

7 P.M. NASCAR's Sprint Cup tour makes a pit stop in Darlington, S.C., for the Southern 500. Fox

7 P.M. The Nats continue their series against the Florida Marlins. MASN

8 P.M. The Boston Celtics need a win against the Miami Heat in Game 3 of their series. ABC

Sunday

1 P.M. The Nats and Marlins wrap up their three-game set. MASN2

3:30 P.M. Game 4 of the Lakers-Mavericks playoff series. ABC

8 P.M. The Bulls and Hawks meet again, in Game 4 in Atlanta. TNT

New Beginning at RFK

D.C. United captain faces old team when Dallas comes to town

Major League Soccer

When D.C. United captain Dax McCarty takes to the field on Saturday night, he'll see a lot of friends scattered around RFK Stadium.

The thing is, most of them will be wearing the opposing team's uniform. United's match against FC Dallas marks McCarty's first encounter against his former team, with whom he played for his first five professional seasons.

"For me, personally, it'll be a special game. I'll have a lot of emotions I'm sure. I spent five great years there."

— DAX MCCARTY, ON HIS TIME IN DALLAS, WHICH HE FACES SATURDAY IN D.C.

A SUDDEN END

His time in Dallas wasn't always rosy. A reported rift between he and coach Schellas Hyndman reached its apex when the midfielder was nearly traded ahead of the 2009 season. The differences between the two were seemingly patched up as FCD reached the MLS Cup final last season.

McCarty played a vital role in the team's 2010 success, scoring a crucial goal against Real Salt Lake in the conference semifinals and turning in a strong performance in a losing effort at the final in Toronto.

When it appeared as though he'd remain a fixture in Dallas' central midfield for years to come, McCarty's tenure at Pizza Hut Park came to an abrupt end. The 24-year-old was left unprotected ahead of the MLS Expansion Draft, and the Portland Timbers selected him with the first overall pick before trading him to D.C. later that day for defender Rodney Wallace and



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Dax McCarty and D.C. United will try to build off Wednesday's win against the Seattle Sounders when playing FC Dallas Saturday.

D.C. United-FC Dallas Primer



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► **All-time record:** FC Dallas leads the all-time regular-season series, 16-13-6.

► **Last season:** FC Dallas won both MLS meetings; United won their U.S. Open Cup qualifying match, 4-2.

► **Key injuries:** United midfielder Branko Boskovic is out indefinitely after further tests on his injured left leg revealed a torn ACL. Dallas will be without midfielder and reigning league MVP David Ferreira, who fractured his right ankle two weeks ago. A.C.

for defender Rodney Wallace and

a supplemental Draft pick.

CAPTAIN'S SEAT

He's quickly made a home for himself in D.C., drawing rave reviews from coach Ben Olsen, who knows a thing or two about gritty midfield play. McCarty was named

the club's fifth captain soon after joining the fold, adding his name to a short list that includes John Harkes, Marco Etcheverry, Ryan Nelsen and Jaime Moreno.

Despite the ups and downs of his Dallas tenure, McCarty still has plenty of ties to his former organization. His focus, though, is on building off of D.C.'s 2-1 victory over Seattle on Wednesday.

"Some of my best friends in the league and some of my best friends in general are on that team," McCarty said. "It's going to be fun. I'm sure I'll see the guys and catch up with them, but as soon as we step on the field it's business. I want to get three points against them probably more than any other team in the league." AVI CREDITOR



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System Overloaded

Since December, the Capitals have been touting their new, re-inforced defensive philosophy as their edge to win in the playoffs. Against the New York Rangers it worked as the Caps closed out New York in five games and entered the second round with one of the best team defenses in the postseason. Against a far superior second-round opponent, the Capitals defensive scheme was out-hustled, outskated and outworked in four games. As the series went on, the Caps were forced to dump their defensive system and play the offensive hockey that couldn't get past the Montreal Canadiens last season. It was all to the delight of Tampa Bay coach Guy Boucher, right, who protected his team's lead with his vaunted 1-3-1 defense — one the Capitals never seemed to break in the short series.



Powerless Power Play

With a roster littered with star players such as Alexander Ovechkin, left, Nicklas Backstrom, Alexander Semin and Mike Green, the expectation would be that the Caps power play unit might dominate opposing defenses. That wasn't the case at all. The Caps finished the playoffs with 14.3 percent power play efficiency and scored only one power play goal against the Tampa Bay Lightning. That's right, a team with as much offensive talent as the Capitals' roster possesses could only break 41-year-old goalie Dwayne Roloson for one power play goal in four games. For Tampa Bay, the ability to score power play goals was the difference maker. Tampa had a power play goal in each game of the series and the Bolts now lead all postseason teams with 12 power play goals.

Not Again.



Caps befuddled for answers after being swept

After taking back the division lead in the regular season and blowing through the New York Rangers in five games, the Capitals dropped four-straight to the Tampa Bay Lightning, resulting in an oh-so familiar ending: utter disappointment. With their season over, the Caps have many questions about where to go from here. Will there be a coaching change? A roster overhaul? A new captain? While GM George McPhee said he expects coach Bruce Boudreau to be back, definitive answers will take some time. But the reasons that the team has an early vacation are obvious. **REED S. ALBERS**

Chin Up, Fans

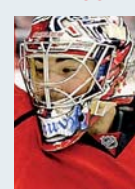
Three reasons to remain optimistic in the face of another dud.

1. MARCUS JOHANSSON



The 20-year-old rookie, left, got better each game of the season and is on track to becoming a true second-line center for the Capitals. He outperformed fellow Swede Nicklas Backstrom in the post-season, and he's got a tremendous amount of upside to look forward to.

2. THE GOALIE SITUATION



Semyon Varlamov is an unrestricted free agent, but while he has yet to be inked to a contract, Michal Neuvirth, left, appears set to be next season's No. 1. With Braden Holtby behind him in the AHL, the goaltending situation is still very young and very deep. The 2011-12 season might be the first time that the Caps are considered a top goaltending club.

3. THE TALENT PIPELINE



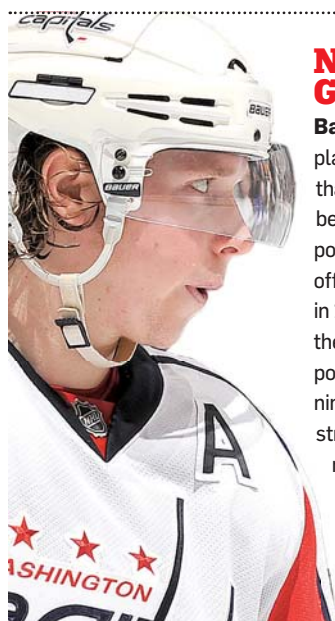
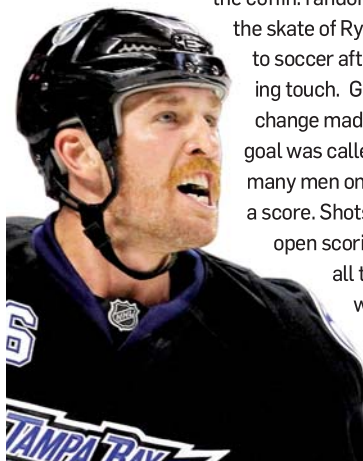
Prospects such as center Cody Eakin, left, defenseman Dmitri Orlov and right wing Andrew Gordon appear ready for the NHL. And then there's the case of Evgeny Kuznetsov, the talented Russian who may come to the NHL next year. Youth is keeping the Caps' window of opportunity from slamming shut.

Nicklas Backstrom Goes MIA

Backstrom has often been a beast in the playoffs for the Caps. In fact, it's expected that he will carry the load in the playoffs because he has in the past. Coming into the postseason, he was a point-per-game play-off performer with 12 goals and 16 assists in 28 playoff games. This season, however, the Swede and his playoff production went poof in the first and second rounds. In his nine playoff appearances this season, Backstrom tallied only two assists and was a minus one. Amazingly, Ovechkin's production didn't suffer from Backstrom poor play, but Caps fans will now have the whole summer to wonder what happened to their Swedish sure thing when it mattered most.

Randomness

Of all the elements that sunk the Capitals, perhaps it was the one that Boudreau and the players have absolutely no control over that was the final nail in the coffin: randomness. Twice the Lightning scored off the skate of Ryan Malone, left, who may want to switch to soccer after seeing his feet provide a killer finishing touch. Game 2's overtime ended on a bad line change made by Washington and Game 3's opening goal was called back because of the Capitals had too many men on the ice — leading to penalty instead of a score. Shots hit posts during every single game and open scoring chances sailed wide of the net on an all too frequent basis. Those same shots went in for Tampa Bay, and at the most heartbreaking moments for a Caps team that often plays with its heart on its sleeve. It's led many to say the Capitals don't have the necessary mental toughness.



Swengali

Dear Capitals, Thanks for Nothing

Gee thanks, Caps. Now what do we have to look forward to?

The Nats? They can't hit a thing. The Mystics? Woo-hoo! At least Verizon Center will be hopping for the Wizards' new color scheme unveiling next week. The U.S. Open? That's



By **Matt Swenson**

nice, but it lasts only four days. At least there's always football — oh wait. Go D.C. United!

The Capitals were supposed to fend off the D.C. sports dol-

drums a little longer than this. Sure, it's disappointing that Alex Ovechkin and company suffered another early exit, leading to larger questions about whether Bruce Boudreau is the right coach for this team,

With the Caps on ice, there is a long stretch of tedium awaiting the area's sports fans.

and more importantly, about whether this roster needs a major overhaul. Owner Ted Leonis has some decisions to make, starting with General Manager George McPhee's future.

But forget just the singular failure of the Capitals. Now the focus is back on just how bad our city's teams are. With the Caps on ice, there's a long — and I mean looong — stretch of tedium awaiting the area's sports fans.

Before, we hoped the Nats could get us to training camp, which happened about as often as they win (a little less than 50 percent of the time). Now there may not even be a training camp, let alone an NFL season.

We knew this day was coming, when there wasn't much to look forward to. It was the Caps' jobs to push that day back. Fail. Gee, thanks.

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Slump Is So Bad, It's Offensive

Nationals overcome horrendous hitting to stay afloat early

The Nationals

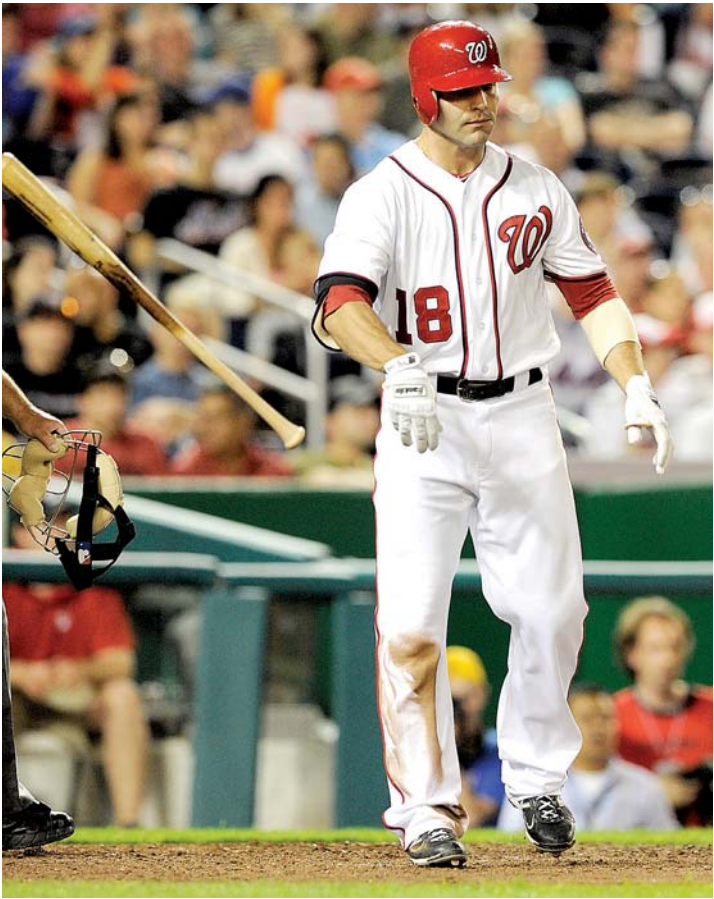
The Nationals seemingly achieved their offseason goal of bolstering pitching and defense, but what's kept the team in the familiar spot of looking up at the .500 mark is a near-complete implosion of the offense.

A glance at the stats isn't exactly an intimidating experience for opposing pitchers. In most offensive categories, only San Diego is worse in the National League. Washington's .225 team batting average, through Wednesday, is nearly 70 points lower than the St. Louis Cardinals.

Of the regular players, only rookie Wilson Ramos, who shares time with Ivan Rodriguez, has a batting average anywhere north of .235.

It starts at the top, where lead-off man Danny Espinosa, a rookie, has fallen into a deep slump and is trying to overcome it mentally, as well as physically.

The struggles then ease into the heart of the order, free agent pickups Jayson Werth and Adam LaRoche have combined to hit .208 with seven home runs and 18 RBI. For



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“You can’t overdo it and put so much pressure on yourself that you go up there swinging at pitches you shouldn’t swing at. It’s a very fine line.”

— **DANNY ESPINOSA**, WHO HAS STRUGGLED MIGHTILY SINCE BEING PROMOTED AS A ROOKIE TO THE LEADOFF SPOT OF THE NATIONALS' BATTING ORDER THREE WEEKS AGO.

.208

The collective batting average of free-agent acquisitions Jayson Werth and Adam LaRoche, who are hitting in the heart of the Nats' lineup. (AP)

comparison, Phillies first baseman Ryan Howard is hitting .283 with six home runs and 29 RBI.

“Sooner or later, we’ve got to start swinging the bat,” LaRoche told reporters Wednesday.

The Nationals, who face the Florida Marlins this weekend, remain afloat because of better than expected pitching. The staff — despite missing ace Stephen Strasburg — has a 3.53 ERA so far. That's good for seventh in the league and a vast improvement over last season's 4.15 ERA. It also will be difficult to maintain. Only two National League teams finished the season with a better mark in 2010.

Odds are that the pitching will eventually tail off and the hitting will pick up. The degree to which both occur will determine the Nationals' fate. “At some point, you are going to lose games if you don't hit,” manager Jim Riggleman said. “But we’ve got to keep our head above water until we unleash it offensively.” **DEREK TURNER**

Coach Williams Retires After 22 Years at UMd.

Terps Men's Hoops

After sweating through crisp white shirts and expensive suits for more than three decades, Maryland basketball coach Gary Williams is finally ready to take it easy.

Williams announced his retirement Thursday, saying “it's the right time” for him to end a career in which he led his alma mater to the 2002 national championship.

Williams coached for 33 years, the last 22 at Maryland, where he played as a guard from 1964-67.

“My entire career has been an unbelievable blessing. I am fiercely proud of the program we have built here,” Williams said.

His career record is 668-380, including 461-252 at Maryland, where he arrived at in 1989, when the program was still struggling under the weight of NCAA violations. Under his direction, the Terps went to the NCAA tournament 14 times, won or shared three Atlantic Coast Conference titles and reached the Final Four twice.

Williams was a fiery competitor



JONATHAN NEWTON/TWP

Gary Williams won a national title with Maryland and reached two Final Fours.

who despised losing and loved the challenge of competing against the best teams in the nation — including Duke, which usually got the best of him. But the Terrapins never went down without a fight, and rarely did Williams ever take a seat on the bench. His frenzied style, and his propensity to sweat on the sideline, was as much a part of his legend as wins and losses.

“I love Gary. What he has done for Maryland and for college basketball is remarkable,” Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. (AP)

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Susan Lucci

ACTRESS, FASHIONISTA, PILATES FAN

For 40 years, Susan Lucci has played the character of Erica Kane on “All My Children.” And while soap fans might know every detail of Kane’s romances and self-serving schemes, they probably don’t know as much about the actress who plays her. But in her new memoir, “All My Life” (\$26, It Books), the 60-something grandma writes about everything from her early days on the stage to painful past events.

Erica Kane was originally supposed to be on only once a week. That must really mean something to you, that she’s gone on to become such an iconic character.

It does. Much to my great, happy surprise, the audience really embraced her so that very soon she was on more than once a week.

You’re so closely associated with your character. But what are some key differences between Susan Lucci and Erica Kane?

I got luckier in love; that’s a huge difference. I also had a spectacular relationship with my father, and for Erica, it was the opposite.

Are there similarities between you and Erica?

For me, it’s a matter of how sleep-deprived I am or how full the moon is. Then Erica might sneak out.

And you both share a love of fashion, right?

I love the wardrobe and feel lucky to wear these clothes. But there’s a difference in where we would wear them. What I would wear to a cocktail party, Erica wears to get coffee in the morning at Starbucks.

Anything you look back on and can’t believe you wore?

Some of the things from the ’80s. Between the bigness of the dress, the largeness of the earrings and the largeness of my hair, I don’t know how they even got me on the screen on TV.

“What I would wear to a cocktail party, Erica wears to get coffee in the morning at Starbucks.”

How do you stay so young and hot-looking?

I’ve been doing Pilates for about 14 years, and in the last three years, I’ve been doing Malibu Pilates, which adds a cardio aspect. Which is good, because I love to eat. For my skin, I really do use the thing people would see me talking about on TV, which is the Youthful Essence at-home microdermabrasion system.

You famously finally won an Emmy in 1999. You’ve been on “Dancing with the Stars” and appeared on Broadway. Is there anything else you still hope to accomplish professionally?

The book is a first. I’ve never written a book, ever. This has been a great experience for me. I had never really spoken about my private life at all. It turned out to be something I enjoyed so much.

If we peeked in on your life when you weren’t working, what would we see?

At the moment, I’m at home and I’m lying on my bed barefoot in the same terry-cloth robe I wore while washing my face on “Oprah” a few weeks ago. **BETH LUBERECKI**

Event Horizon | Treasure Trunk Show

Colorful beads, links of silk and whimsical charms of crowns and hearts decorate the necklaces, bracelets and other jewelry of Colombian designer Mercedes Salazar. She shows off her spring collection at a trunk show at M29 Lifestyle boutique. Free, Sat., 10 a.m.-7 p.m. 2800 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-295-2829

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Drinking Dames

CALLING A VODKA "Betty" seems a smart way to market a "Mad Men" must-have. (All wannabe Don Drapers will slurp liquor if you give it a mid-century name!) But this wheat vodka (\$32, Ace Beverage, 3301 New Mexico Ave. NW; 202-966-4444) made in Maryland actually gets its name from a historic Chesapeake Bay sailing ship. The small-batch vodka goes down cheeky yet bold, much like the scantily clad blonde on its label.



Preppy Princess & The Pea?

KATE SPADE, a design house known for classic, cheeky bags and clothes, has tucked into the bedding biz. Like the brand's women's clothing and accessories, Bed, Bath & Beyond's new Kate Spade duvets (\$150-\$180), sheet sets (\$80-\$120) and shams come in bright, retro prints (orange, lime and pink florals that smack of the 1960s) and crisp graphic patterns (black and white stripes, shown). And no, buying them doesn't mean "The Preppy Handbook" must sit on the bedside table.

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Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

My mother, a wonderful woman of a certain age, buys her shoes from discount outlets, like Wal-Mart and K-Mart. Sadly, in conversation she alternates between crowing about her frugality and complaining about foot pain. I'd like to buy her some decent shoes for Mother's Day, a mid-heel sandal that's not dowdy. — VICTORIA

Manolo says, ayyy, your mother, she is pennywise and footsore!

As the Manolo has long noted, in-



expensive shoes of shoddy construction are the false economy. Yes, your mother saved the \$73 by purchasing her pleather-and-plastic pumps from the General Dollar Mart, but look at how she suffers! And worst, eventually, she will spend many times that amount on her feet surgeries.

But now is not the weekend to complain about the mother and her cheapness. Now is the weekend to celebrate her many good qualities, such as her ability to find perfectly serviceable birthday presents from items left along the side of the road.

"Honey, it's a coffee table. I can fix that leg and paint it pink, and you can put it in your room, for your hi-fi."

"Britney, what do you say to Grandma for the gift?"

"Daaaaaaaaad!"

Truly, your mother is the woman to be reckoned with!

Here is the Decima from Donald J. Pliner (\$250, Zappos.com), the elegant thong sandal with the zip-up back and the cork heel for comfort.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

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Mummy Dearest

ON SUNDAY, you know what Mom will say. Send flowers and you'll get: "I'm paying your cell phone bill and you sent me flowers?!" We know! That's why this year, we're gifting you a bouquet of Lush's Mums Bath Bombs (\$25, 3066 M St. NW; 202-333-6950). The three posies in black-currant, lemongrass and vanilla scents help mummy indulge at bath time instead of watching the buds wither away like her retirement fund.

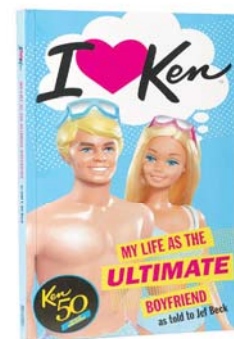
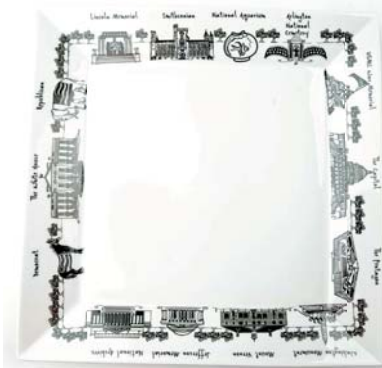


Grab Bag

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Bites & Sights

YOU SERVE half-smokes and crab cakes to your out-of-town guests. It'd be nice to borrow some White House china to keep up the D.C. prideful party theme, but POTUS hasn't been returning texts since Abbottabad. Instead, dish out on Hill's Kitchen's District platter (\$43, 713 D St. SE; 202-543-1997), which showcases local sights like the White House and Iwo Jima, either of which looks good smeared with cocktail sauce.



Doll Spouse

SURE, WILLS AND KATE dated eight years, but Barbie and Ken are the ultimate noncommittal duo, marking five decades of "just hanging out." To honor their perpetual courtship, "I Love Ken: My Life As the Ultimate Boyfriend" (\$15, Running Press) offers advice to men on how to hook and keep a doll. Photos of vintage Kens, from disco-era mustache men to what seem to be 1960s military officers, add to the dude awakening.

lookout drink



LAWRENCE LUK PHOTOS

same time, a Kentucky reverend by the name of Elijah Craig transported his corn whisky to New Orleans in charred oak barrels, naming the sweet hooch for his native Bourbon County. Today the term “bourbon” implies a few hard-and-fast rules: The spirit must be made from a grain mash of at least 51 percent corn, aged in new, charred oak barrels for at least two years and, thanks to a 1964 congressional resolution, made in America (most still comes from Kentucky).

“Sipping American whisky is like going to a museum. You’re really drinking history.”

— MEGAN COYLE, HANK’S OYSTER BAR

“We own bourbon, so we can be badass about it,” says Duane Sylvestre, head mixologist at Georgetown’s Bourbon Steak (2800 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-944-2026), which stocks more than 30 types of bourbon. In other words: Start humming “American Pie,” because drinking bourbon is more patriotic than, say, the Donald’s ’do. It’s a good value too, says Dan Searing, co-owner of Columbia Heights’ Room 11 (3234 11 St. NW; 202-332-3234).

That includes the wide spectrum of bourbons — from Jim Beam White Label, which Searing likens to a “great mass-market paperback,” to pricier small-batch and single-barrel varieties (“like oil paintings”). Flavors skew sweet to spicy depending on the mash. Rye gives a fiery kick (think Bulleit and Russell’s Reserve); wheat offers a smooth finish (try Maker’s Mark or Old Weller Antique). Also worth noting on the bottle: Only bourbons between 2 and 4 years old must list their ages, and proofs start at 80 and range as high as 160 (drinker beware).

“I think people take bourbon for granted, but for everyday spirit drinking, it’s really hard to beat,” Searing says. “It’s just really delicious.” **KATIE KNOROVSKY**

BE A CASKMASTER

If vodka is the utilitarian fur cap of the spirits world, bourbon is its big-brim, sassy Derby hat. And that’s not just because bourbon flows faster at the Kentucky Derby (this Saturday) than the prized thoroughbreds on the track.

“It conjures images of lazy summer days,” says Megan Coyle, mixologist at Hank’s Oyster Bar (1624 Q St. NW; 202-462-4265) in Dupont Circle, where springy mint juleps go tart with pureed fresh strawberries. Like its native Kentucky’s sweeter-than-molasses residents, “bourbon whisky is an awfully friendly liquor,” she says.

Bourbon, with its flavors of



At Bourbon Steak in Georgetown, head mixologist Duane Sylvestre blends multiple cocktails starring bourbon. The restaurant serves over 30 types of the whisky.

vanilla and caramel, brings more to a party than buzz. Indeed, Southern gentlemen aren’t the only ones who choose the mellow sip as their

accessory of choice, whether headed to the fireplace or the veranda and whether drinking it on the rocks or in a frosty julep.

Credit the spirit’s storied past. “Sipping American whisky is like going to a museum,” Coyle says. “You’re really drinking history.” In the 1790s, George Washington sent the Continental Army to stomp out the Whiskey Rebellion, a settler’s revolt against taxes on whisky production that were instated to help fund the revolution. (G.W. was himself a rye man.) The father of our country brokered a deal with the rebels that offered incentives for those who moved to Kentucky (then part of Virginia), where Thomas Jefferson doled out land to folks who promised to grow corn. And in those days, if you gave a man some land, well, he’d distill whisky and drink for life.

Legend says that around that

drink **lookout****the bourbon backstory**

First introduced to D.C. by Kentucky statesman Henry Clay, above, in the early 1800s, the bourbon-powered mint julep has been called the “nectar of the gods.” (A 1937 letter by military hero Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr. waxed poetically about it: “It is a heritage of the Old South, an emblem of hospitality and a vehicle in which noble minds can travel together upon the flower-strewn paths of happy and congenial thought.”)



Juleps and Beyond When it comes to summery bourbon cocktails, the mint julep handily wins the roses. The boozy snow cone — a quarter-ounce simple syrup muddled with a few sprigs of mint and topped with crushed ice and two ounces bourbon — is usually served in a sterling silver cup. Traditionalists don’t dare rejigger the julep, yet the classic recipe inspires plenty of spinoffs. Think basil instead of mint plus fresh lemon juice, suggests Megan Coyle of Hank’s Oyster Bar. Or follow the lead of the Source, where juleps go Asian with shiso leaf instead of mint. Above all, heed the advice of Mike Isabella, chef/owner of coming-soon Graffiato in Penn Quarter: “Keep drinks fresh and simple, and let the bourbon highlight everything else.”

→ Mint juleps don’t do it for you? Muddle citrus with sugar and mint, skip the fancy silver cups and ta-da! You’ve made a **whisky smash** — “the lazy man’s cocktail,” says Bourbon Steak’s Duane Sylvestre. Guzzle, muddle, repeat.

→ Dubbed “the golden age of Hollywood in a glass,” **the Brown Derby** dates to the 1930s, named for the famous L.A. restaurant by the same name. Served up, tart grapefruit juice complements sweet bourbon and honey syrup.



At Bourbon Steak, Sylvestre pays tribute to corn-pushing founding father Thomas J. with **The Jefferson**, a blend of bourbon, Crème de Mure, Carpano Antica formula and Fee Brother’s Old-Fashioned Bitters garnished with lemon peel.

Taste Test Bourbon: not just for juleps anymore. Though most varieties take well to sugar and mint fortification, much of the stuff sips well, too. To set up a taste test of six varied bourbons, we relied on the counsel (and shelf stock) of Joe Riley, the well-regarded fine spirits manager at Ace Beverage (3301 New Mexico Ave. NW; 202-966-4444).

**Four Roses**
(\$17.49; 80 proof)

Easy breezy bourbon. This mild sip struck tasters as smooth on the way in with a slight peppery backbite on the way down. Not so much a sipping bourbon, its bitter edge balances citrus cocktails, says mixologist Duane Sylvestre.

**Buffalo Trace**
(\$20; 90 proof)

Maybe it’s the big-shouldered American bison on its label, but this broad bourbon, with citrus notes, reminds us of a loveable doof — sweet, fun and simple.

**Russell’s Reserve**
Small Batch 10-year
(\$32; 90 proof)

Like a gruff TV archetype (think military dad), this amber bourbon barks with a sharp, strong-tongued first impression. (“Not bourbon-y enough,” said one taster who thought it tasted more like a rye whisky.)

**Rowan’s Creek**
(\$38, 100.1 proof)

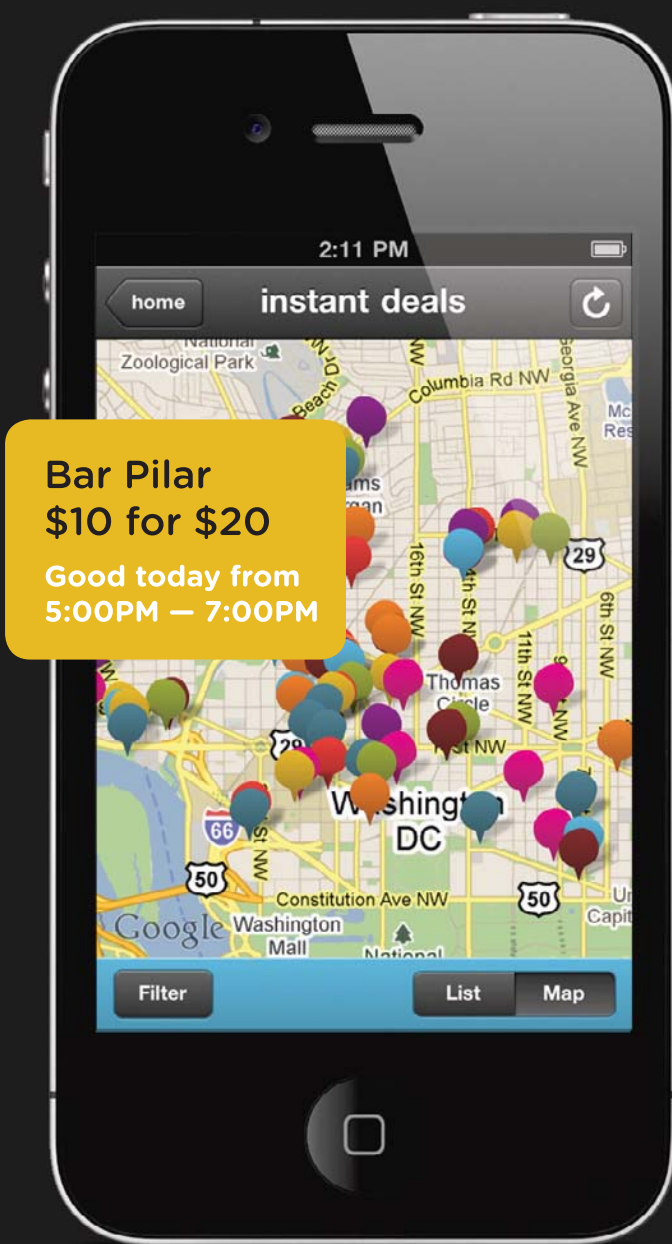
With hints of almond and a full, smoky taste up front, this full-bodied bourbon is one of Riley’s two favorites from the small-batch collection by Kentucky Bourbon Distillers. “It’s the whole package,” said one taster. “Delicious,” agreed the rest.

**Old Weller Antique**
Original 107 Brand
(\$24; 107 proof)

“The original wheated bourbon” evokes the approachable and rich flavors that have made bargoers spin sonnets about Maker’s Mark. At 107 proof, this butterscotch-forward spirit packs a whole lot more punch than a Werther’s.

**Elijah Craig 12-year**
(\$26; 94 proof)

Named for the 18th-century father of bourbon, this pleasantly complex sipper — a few tasters’ favorite of the lot — offers hints of vanilla, a dry finish and an “herbaceous” aroma. “For a 12-year-old bourbon, it’s a remarkably good value,” Searing says.



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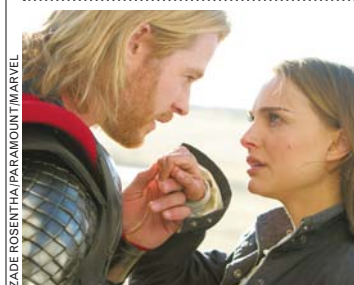


Chris Hemsworth, pictured, stars as the arrogant warrior Thor in this big-screen adaptation of the Marvel comic.

Hammer Time

Lesser-known comic book hero Thor finally gets his day in the sun

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Epic Inside Jokes

'The Simpsons' episode called "A Streetcar Named Marge," in which Marge plays Blanche Dubois in a community theater production of "A Streetcar Named Desire," is much funnier if you've read "Streetcar" (or seen the movie). Because then you get the inside jokes.

Being in on the joke is also helpful if you see "Thor," starring Chris Hemsworth (above), which is — so far — the

best film about The Avengers (the group of superheroes that includes Thor, Iron Man, The Hulk and Captain America) at incorporating comics-based humor.



By Kristen Page-Kirby

But you don't need to know a lot about Thor (or comics in general) to pick up on the jokes. Just read Thor's Wikipedia entry. Knowing basic details about him lets you laugh at some parts you otherwise might not understand. You'll chuckle at the film's winks at its audience, some of which are genuinely funny.

You can also feel like part of the cool crowd. Not just the crowd who can spot comic god Stan Lee (who can't spot Stan Lee at this point?), but a smaller, more exclusive group. It's like being one of the people who knows that Homer yelling "MARRRGE" when the ring comes off his pudding can is about more than him being a doofus — only now you can laugh at what becomes of Donald Blake. Allusions make for great jokes because they assume the audience shares a language; when we laugh, we affirm that.



Comments? Give Kristen your feedback: expressnightout.com/thereelist

On Screen, 'Thor' Is Plenty of Fun

Film Review

If you have a fondness for loud, silly, eye-popping action adventure films based on beloved superhero characters — or even superhero characters who are appreciated with the cool, clinical detachment of a student of pop culture — then "Thor" delivers.

The effects are effective. The humor is humorous and just self-referential enough to let you know the film doesn't take itself too seriously. And, in the role of Thor — an arrogant god who is banished to present-day Earth from his celestial home of Asgard after he defies his father, Odin (Anthony Hopkins) — the blond Australian hunk Chris Hemsworth seems born to the part.

"Where did he come from?" asks astrophysicist Jane Foster (Natalie Portman) after she and her research associates, Erik (Stellan Skarsgård) and Darcy (Kat Dennings), discover Thor in the middle of the New Mexico desert. Our guess is a gym in Melbourne. He's pretty buff

problem, since most bad guys probably just use cell phones now.

Thor isn't a superhero many mainstream fans can identify — he's no Spider-Man.

LONGSHOT Not to rag on the X-Men, but when you need a new power for every mutant that shows up, some of the skills get pretty weird. Longshot is really fast and agile, but he also has some psychic ability and is able to hold an object and read the emotions of the person who last handled it. His major power, however, is that he's really lucky. No, really: He affects probability in his favor, so he can achieve the statistically impossible. Unfortunately, he can't use his power selfishly, so he hasn't won the lottery even once.

"Thor" kicks off a very comic-intensive movie summer (we still have "Captain America" and "The Green Lantern" coming up), and it's a little surprising that the blonde-locked god has earned top billing. While he needs his star vehicle to prep for an eventual "Avengers" flick, Thor isn't a superhero many mainstream fans can identify — he's no Spider-Man. But Thor — who in the comics is the Norse god, from the planet Asgard — isn't alone in the minor leagues of capery. In fact, there are a number of crusaders who probably won't be getting movies of their own. **KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)**

DUST A recent addition to the X-Men is Dust (also known as Sooraya Qadir), an Afghan teen who is possibly the only Muslim superhero working today. She can turn herself into a dust storm capable of flaying people alive; she can also enter people's lungs and kill them that way. She is, however, susceptible to water and heat — the latter essentially transforms her into glass.

THE ATOM Another hero is The Atom, who can ... get really small. But that's not all! He can also get really big! His alter ego is Henry Pym, a genius with a Ph.D in biochemistry. He also has a helmet that lets him talk to bugs. In fairness, he did once (in "Blackest Night #4") go into Superman's bloodstream and rearrange stuff, which was cool. But the best part is that he can dial a number and travel through the handset, using the phone line to travel to his destination. This is probably a

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Poignant Puppet

Mel Gibson manages to transcend his own madman persona in Foster's 'The Beaver'

Film Review

We're supposed to look at the emotionally comatose, middle-aged protagonist in "The Beaver" and see one man: a so-called "hopelessly depressed" character named Walter Black.

But it's initially impossible to look at Walter Black without seeing the actor who plays him: Mel Gibson, the once-beloved movie star best known lately for that series of angry rants recorded by ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva. Please take note of the key words in that sentence: "initially impossible."

Because here's the astonishing surprise about "The Beaver": Despite some missteps, this film stands as a moving portrait of a husband and father who reclaims his will to live with the unlikely help of a hand puppet. And the main reason it's so moving? Mel Gibson.

In a triumph of cinema over celebrity gossip, "The Beaver" mostly makes us forget about Gibson's madman persona and simply draws us into the story that he and director Jodie Foster, who also plays Walter's wife, Meredith, want to tell.

That story begins with Walter, a man living apart from his spouse and two sons, sleepwalking through his job as a toy company CEO and self-medicating by drinking tequila from the bottle. He tries to commit suicide twice, and he can't even pull that off.

He awakens after both attempts on the floor of his dingy hotel room with a furry, beady-eyed beaver puppet — a cast-off item from home that he hung on to — attached to his hand. Suddenly, Walter is talking to himself using the beaver as his proxy.



ON THE 'MEL FACTOR':

"He's a complicated person. But the man that I know is a great friend and incredibly good in the movie."

— JODIE FOSTER, WHO HAS BEEN FRIENDS WITH CO-STAR MEL GIBSON SINCE THEY FILMED "MAVERICK" 18 YEARS AGO, ADDRESSES THE MANY CONTROVERSIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ACTOR. FOR THE WASHINGTON POST'S FULL INTERVIEW WITH "THE BEAVER" DIRECTOR AND STAR, VISIT OW.LY/40IK5.

"I'm the only one that knows how you really feel," the puppet/Walter says, adopting a Cockney accent. He tells Walter to get up and pull himself together. And that's precisely what the man does, returning home, beginning to slowly rebuild bonds with Meredith and their younger son, Henry (Riley Thomas Stewart), and rejuvenating his career, all while communicating via an inanimate dam builder that sounds like Michael Caine.

The Beaver (PG-13)

► **Director:** Jodie Foster

► **Stars:** Mel Gibson, Jodie Foster, Riley Thomas Stewart

► **In a Nutshell:** A troubled husband and executive adopts a beaver hand-puppet as his sole means of communicating with his family and colleagues.

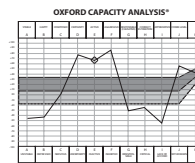
► **For Fans of:** "What Women Want," "The Kids Are All Right"

Few actors could hold a lengthy on-screen conversation with a beaver puppet and not only find the authenticity in it, but achieve real poignancy. But with every element of his performance, Gibson conveys the debilitating weight Walter carries. Even the lines in Gibson's face convey a profound sense of grief. When he begins to find happiness again, it's clearly such a relief, both to him and to the audience, that we can almost overlook that it all happened because he made friends with a Muppet.

Now, is Gibson's work so strong because he's drawing from his own struggles? Or do we subconsciously bring our knowledge of the actor's backstory to our viewing experience, thereby making it more touching? All that's clear is that what Gibson does in "The Beaver," with the steady guidance of his director and friend Foster, works perfectly.

JEN CHANEY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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The Ultimate Friendship Test

Close relationships are put into question in this flat adaptation

Film Review

This should go without saying, but “Something Borrowed” clinches it: It is not OK to sleep with the fiancé of one’s best friend. What’s odd, and icky, is how enthusiastically the film attempts to justify doing so.

This sporadically comedic romantic drama, based on Emily Giffin’s best-selling chick-lit trifle, focuses on Rachel White (Ginnifer Goodwin), a successful lawyer who offers herself up as the world’s doormat. Unattached and having just turned 30, Rachel is feeling forlorn, which is compounded by the fact her best friend, Darcy (Kate Hudson), is marrying Rachel’s law school crush.

If Darcy has a redeeming quali-



Kate Hudson, left, and Ginnifer Goodwin star as best friends at odds.

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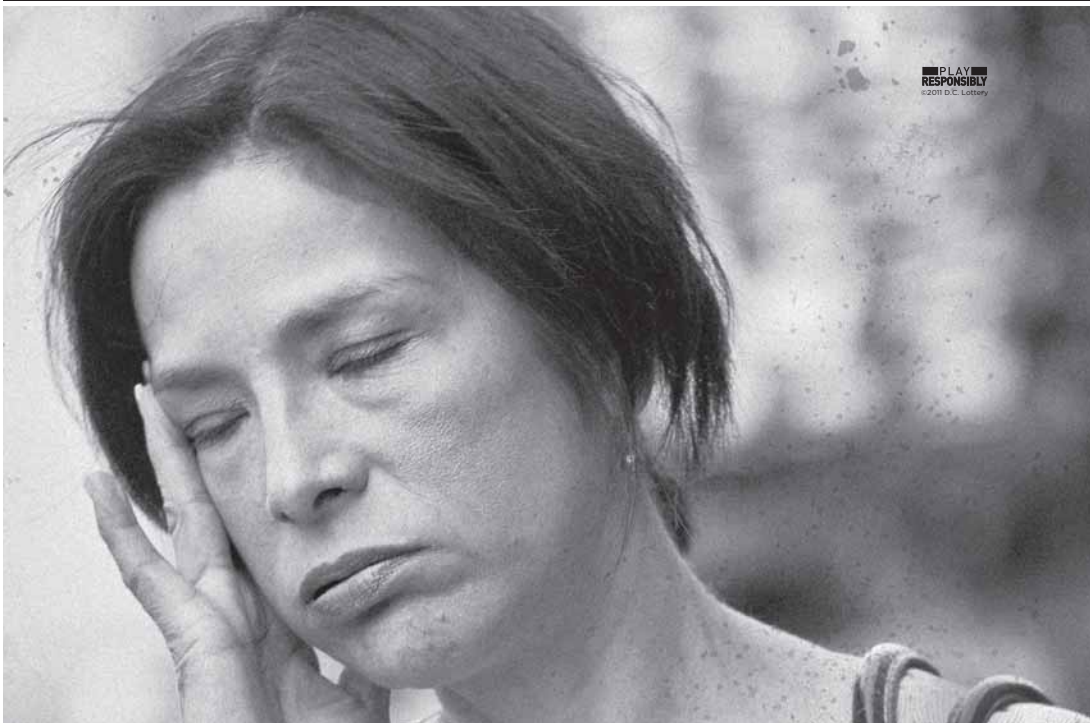
Something Borrowed (PG-13)

- **Director:** Luke Greenfield
- **Stars:** Ginnifer Goodwin, Kate Hudson, Colin Egglesfield
- **In a Nutshell:** Friendships are tested and secrets come to the surface when terminally single Rachel falls for Dex, her best friend Darcy’s fiancé.
- **For Fans of:** “27 Dresses,” “The Switch,” “The Proposal”

ty, it’s not evident. She’s a shameless attention-seeker who takes advantage of Rachel’s amenability.

After a few drinks one night, Rachel tells Darcy’s fiancé, Dexter (Colin Egglesfield), about her long-standing infatuation. Before you know it, the two are in bed and Rachel, a model best friend, is suddenly the Other Woman.

A few laughs ultimately give way to the tiresome realization that these three less-than-likable personalities probably deserve one another. It’s just a shame anyone has to watch them figure that out. **STEPHANIE MERRY** (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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TRISTAR PICTURES

Cultures clash with the union of Paula Patton, left, and Laz Alonso in “Broom.”

Manic Mothers Bewitch ‘Broom’

Film Review

Although the title “Jumping the Broom” refers to an African-American wedding ritual, it might conjure up images of the wicked witch after spending a couple hours with the motherzillas of the bride and groom at the heart of this dramedy.

Oddly enough, the whole thing starts with a prayer. Sabrina (Paula Patton) is a woman with a promising career and an affinity for one-night stands. After a particularly demeaning wake-up call, Sabrina swears that she won’t give away her “cookies” again until she’s married.

The Almighty delivers with Jason (Laz Alonso), a handsome self-made man, who pops the question after dating Sabrina for six

Jumping the Broom (PG-13)

- **Director:** Salim Akil
- **Stars:** Paula Patton, Laz Alonso, Angela Bassett
- **In a Nutshell:** The wedding of Sabrina and Jason brings together her uptown family and his downtown folks over a revealing weekend in Martha’s Vineyard.
- **For Fans of:** The “Madea” films

months. But the wedding turns out to be less the answer to Sabrina’s prayers than a helping of fire and brimstone. Any light moments are quickly nullified by the oppressive women vying for the title of world’s meanest mom. **STEPHANIE MERRY** (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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The new documentary "Circo" follows the Ponce family's travelling circus.

A Darker Side To Circus Life

Life under the big-top comes with its share of struggles in 'Circo'

Film Review

As any parent knows, differing notions about child-rearing can put a significant strain on a marriage. That turns out to be the unexpected central drama in the quietly crumbling world of "Circo," a documentary about a family-run circus in Mexico. Tino Ponce, born to be a ringmaster, thinks it's perfectly normal to employ his young children as circus acts; his wife, Ivonne, has other ideas.

In another welcome twist, Aaron Schock's film doesn't fall into the trap of recounting easy stereotypes about the industry: Behind the sequined costumes and spectacular tricks, a nefarious world lurks. While that's the message of another circus movie currently in theaters, "Water for Elephants," "Circo" deviates. The truth is, this isn't some glitzy enterprise. A far cry from Cirque du Soleil, the Ponce family's production is a fairly shabby affair; the show doesn't even travel to big cities but sets up shop in small towns, calling attention to itself with a single string of flickering light bulbs above a blue tent.

The typical bigtop trappings —

tightrope walkers, lions, clowns — remain, but the only thing hiding beneath the facade is a family struggling to make ends meet. Tino grew up in the circus, and his father still runs the business. He sees his work and his family as inextricably linked, which means he puts his kids to work, both behind the scenes and on stage.

At its core, this is a story about familial relationships and commu-

Circo (UR)

► **Director:** Aaron Schock

► **Stars:** Tino Ponce, Ivonne Ponce

► **In a Nutshell:** This documentary follows a hardscrabble traveling Mexican circus troupe that has lived and performed on the road since the 19th century as they attempt to discover if their art will survive into the 21st century.

► **For Fans of:** "Last Train Home"

nication problems amid economic turmoil. When the circus rolls into town, sometimes no one shows up for the entertainment. Other times kids swarm the ticket truck, which is manned by Tino's father. At one point, the elder Ponce looks out at all the kids and says, "With no children, there is no circus." For Ivonne, that's the problem. **STEPHANIE MERRY** (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Film Beat

Now It's Official — He's Back

Arnold Schwarzenegger, pictured, has chosen the film that will mark his return to the big screen: "Cry Macho," a drama about a down-on-his-luck horse trainer who is hired to kidnap a 9-year-old boy. Al Ruddy, an Oscar winner for both "The Godfather" and "Million Dollar Baby," will produce, while Brad Furman, who helmed "The Lincoln Lawyer," has been tapped to direct. "I guarantee that you'll get another look at Arnold Schwarzenegger in this movie," Ruddy says. "Arnold always plays these big muscular guys, but there's a sweetness to Arnold in real life, and we want to bring that sweetness to the screen. [Furman's] convinced there's an accessibility and vulnerability there that he wants to bring out." While the former California governor also is attached to a "Terminator" package that's being shopped to studios, with "Macho" he's opting for a movie that is more a character study than an action piece. (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)



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Reese Witherspoon, right, is married to Christoph Waltz in "Water for Elephants."

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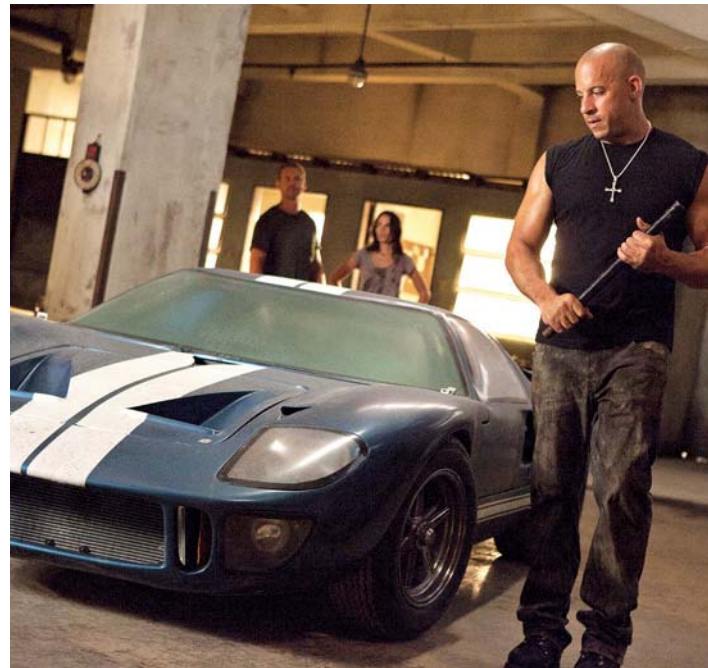
AFRICAN CATS (G, 87 minutes) With carefully scripted narration by Samuel L. Jackson, "African Cats" focuses on two feline mothers prowling Kenya's Masai Mara National Reserve: Sita, a cheetah "single mother" struggling to support five newborn cubs in the "North Kingdom," and Layla, an older lioness that must overcome injury to raise her 6-month-old cub in the "South Kingdom." A river patrolled by crocodiles separates the two realms. For the cubs of either species to reach maturity, both mothers must fend off invading predators while dealing with near-constant hunger. Ultimately, this is a universal story about how these wild mothers, like their human counterparts, sacrifice all to make sure their children are happy, healthy and well-fed. **SANDIE ANGULO CHEN ARTHUR** (PG-13, 110 minutes) By 1981, when the original "Arthur" came out, the slurred-speech shtick of Dudley Moore — the titular playboy alcoholic who cackled wildly at his own jokes and then fell down — was already getting old. In 2011, the sight of Russell Brand doing essentially the same thing is a little bit pitiful. **Arthur**

is the man-child heir of a family fortune who has been burning up his trust fund with hookers and booze. After he embarrasses his shrewish, strait-laced mother one time too many by crashing one of the cars in his collection of vintage movie cars, Mommy Dearest lays down an ultimatum: Marry the gold-digging but pedigreed Susan (Jennifer Garner) or be cut off from the money tree forever. **M.O. THE BANG BANG CLUB** (Unrated, 108 minutes) Any photographer who works in a war-torn region knows that each day could result in his or her own death. That's a truth that turned into tragic reality in April when photojournalists Tim Hetherington and Chris Hondros were killed, and two of their colleagues seriously wounded, while covering the ongoing unrest in Libya. And it's a truth that writer-director Steven Silver attempts to convey in the now-timely "The Bang Bang Club," a film based on the real lives of four investigative photographers who captured the violence in early 1990s South Africa, one freeze-framed image of atrocity at a time. Unfortunately, Silver's attempt meets with only tepid success. While he does a fine job of visually embedding his audience with his point-and-shoot protagonists, there's something undeniably inert about the whole affair. **JEN CHANEY THE CONSPIRATOR** (PG-13, 123 minutes) In "The Conspirator," Robert Redford's

entertainment **lookout**

absorbing if puzzling Civil War-era drama, Robin Wright announces in no uncertain terms that she is back. Wright plays Mary Surratt, who in 1865 was accused of conspiring with John Wilkes Booth and others to assassinate Abraham Lincoln. When she was hanged a few months later, Surratt went down in history as the first woman to be executed by the U.S. government — made all the more notable by doubts as to her guilt in ensuing years. The historical consensus has since concluded that Surratt, who ran the boarding house where many of the conspirators met and whose son John was a Confederate spy and crony of Booth's, was indeed guilty. But for there to be a movie, Redford must play up the ambiguity. **A.H. DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: RODRICK RULES** (PG, 96 minutes) The huge popularity of the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" books can be traced to one simple fact: They ring true. Their under-achieving preteen hero, Greg Heffley — whose diaries they purport to be — has no

Five" bucks the trend. The "Fast" series has followed the dangerous exploits of monotone street racer Dom Toretto (Vin Diesel) and Brian O'Conner (Paul Walker), the ex-cop who gradually became Dom's high-flying partner in crime. The duo's latest impossible mission takes place in and around Rio de Janeiro's congested favelas, where Toretto's crew uses vital information stored on a stolen microchip to rob a sadistic drug kingpin (oily Joaquim de Almeida), all while avoiding Hobbs (Dwayne Johnson), the road-raging federal bounty hunter ordered to bring these fugitives to justice. **SEAN O'CONNELL HANNA** (PG-13, 111 minutes) The mesmerizing heroine of "Hanna" — a semi-feral 16-year-old raised by her stay-at-home dad in the permafrost forests of Finland — can rattle off facts and figures about anatomy and geography in seven languages, but she's also a ruthless killing machine. Hanna has activated some kind



Vin Diesel reinvigorates the "Fast" franchise in the action-packed "Fast Five."

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of electronic homing beacon that tells the movie's bad girl, Marissa Wiegler (Cate Blanchett), just where to find them. In short order, "Hanna" turns into a classic popcorn movie, subclassification: chase flick. Eat with one hand, because you'll need the other to hang onto your seat, as the film lunges from Finland to Morocco to Spain to Germany, where Erik and his daughter have agreed to rendezvous. **M.O. HOODWINKED TOO! HOOD VS. EVIL** (PG, 85 minutes) Like "Hoodwinked," the 2005 fairy tale-themed animated film, "Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil" centers on a recipe. Someone has stolen the recipe for a "super truffle," a magical confection with the power to give whoever eats it dominion over the Earth. Once again, Red (Hayden Panettiere) must get to the bottom of the mystery. As before, she is aided in her investigation by the Big Bad Wolf (Patrick Warburton), Granny (Glenn

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Lively music and bright colors make "Rio" a welcome vacation from reality.

reason to lie. He's writing in a private journal, after all. As a result, the picture they paint of the modern middle-schooler feels very real. He's a flawed and funny Holden Caulfield Jr., a bumbler with backbone. If only the new movie based on the second book in the series, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules," were as candid or as hilarious. The problem doesn't really lie in the acting but in the writing. There's too much effort expended on making the kids cute and cuddly, instead of plausible. **M.O. FAST FIVE** (PG-13, 130 minutes) Quick! Name a Hollywood franchise that has produced its finest installment on the fifth try. It's tough to do, right? Everything from "Harry Potter" to "Police Academy" tends to peter out after two or three films. But the burly, brawny "Fast

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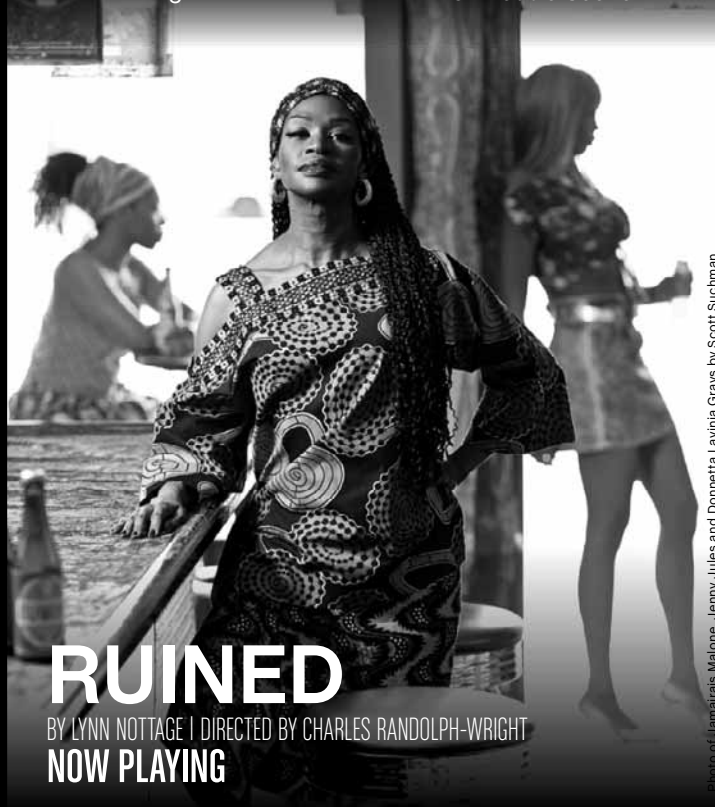


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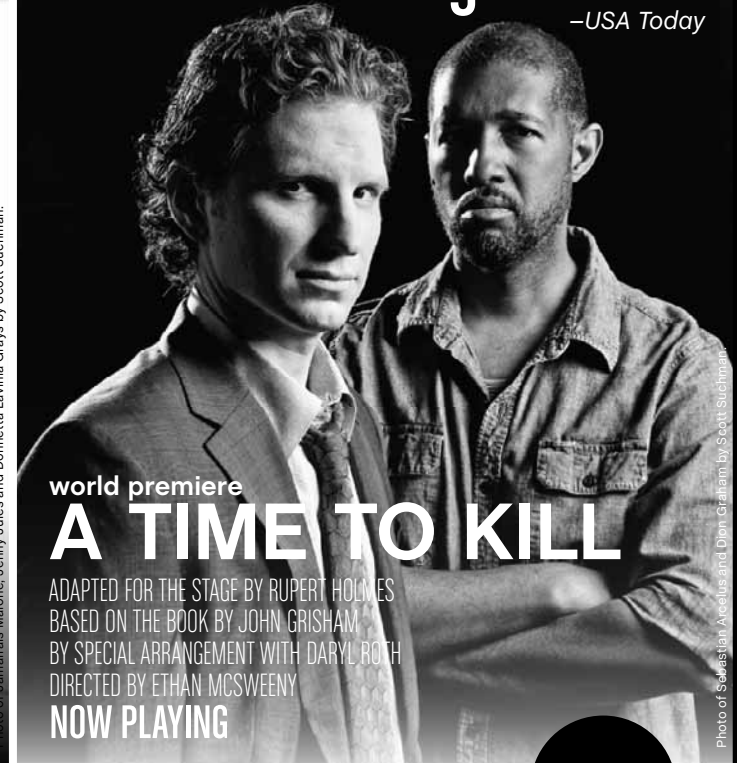


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Close) and a hyperactive squirrel named Twitchy (Cory Edwards). But something is missing. From an animation standpoint, both films suffer from a stylistic stiffness. While the first film was lifted out of mediocrity by an utterly delightful storyline — a contemporary and subversive take on "Little Red Riding Hood" that turned its players' roles on their heads and unspooled like an episode of "Law and Order" — the sequel is a flat, plodding and largely mirthless affair. **M.O. HOP** (PG, 95 minutes) "Hop," a piece of fluff as artificially sweetened as a fuchsia Peep, offers a glimmer of amusement, but only to kids still young enough to believe in the Easter Bunny. Mr. Bunny plans to retire and pass the reins of his chick-driven fleet to his adolescent son E.B. (Russell Brand), but the teen rabbit doesn't want to succeed his pop; he wants to bounce from his magical childhood home and become a drummer. He takes a one-way rabbit-hole trip to Hollywood, where he winds up on the windshield of another parental disappointment, Fred O'Hare (James Marsden). E.B. guilts Fred into providing a place to stay and helping him with his rock-star dreams. **S.A.C. INSIDIOUS** (PG-13, 102 minutes) The old house in which the film opens is no "Amityville Horror," but between the crackling voices on the baby monitor and inexplicably moving objects, the place is plenty spooked. When Josh and Renai Lambert (Patrick Wilson and Rose Byrne), the young couple who have just moved in

with their three kids, have enough of that nonsense, they quickly call a real estate agent. Unfortunately, the next home they move into is just as bad, if not worse. It isn't the houses that are haunted, but the Lamberts' son Dalton (Ty Simpkins). After taking a mild bump on the head, Dalton falls into what appears to be a medically unexplained coma, while all around him the spirit world is going crazy. Up until this point, the film is a deliciously creepy mystery, with an admirable sense of restraint and steadily building tension, a la "Paranormal Activity." Soon, however, the "Saw" sensibility kicks in, leaving little to the imagination. **M.O. PAUL** (R, 104 minutes) Paul — whose name our alien protagonist borrowed from the dog his spaceship accidentally flattened when he crash-landed here a half-century ago — finally has managed to escape from the Area 51-like research lab where he has been imprisoned. While on his way to a rendezvous with his mother, Paul runs into Graeme and Clive, two British sci-fi geeks whose idea of an American holiday is an RV tour of the Southwest's most famous UFO sites. Once Graeme and Clive get over their initial shock that Paul can talk, they agree to drive their foul-mouthed new friend to his destination. Things get complicated, however, with the appearance of a shadowy government agent (Jason Bateman), whose dogged pursuit of Paul precipitates the violent mayhem that characterizes the film's familiar-looking climax. **M.O. POM WONDERFUL PRESENTS: THE GREATEST MOVIE EVER SOLD** (PG-13, 88 minutes) This advertising-themed documentary is food for thought that's fun to eat. If that last sentence sounds

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like an ad slogan, it's not surprising. It's hard to come out of "The Greatest Movie Ever Sold" without a heightened sensitivity to the art of hyping, flacking and product placement. Morgan Spurlock resolved to make a movie about advertising that was entirely financed by advertising. He approached about 600 companies, 20 of which agreed to cover the film budget, in return for promotional consideration. Spurlock succeeds at a risky game in which he offers up a critique of commercial co-opting by allowing himself to be commercially co-opted. **M.O. PROM** (PG, 104 minutes) For movie lovers, prom evokes cinematic memories of pig's blood in buckets, virginity-losing contests and "Pygmalion"-style makeovers. You'll find none of those things in "Prom," Disney's chaste take on the annual high school spectacular. Director Joe Nussbaum's story follows Georgetown-bound class president Nova Prescott (Aimee Teegarden) as she plans her school's "Starry Night" bash. Guys devise increasingly theatrical invitations to the big night. Despite all that, Nova's date, hunky but sensible valedictorian Brandon, merely asks Nova to "carpool" and hands her a ticket. Already reeling from her slug-line treatment, Nova faces another early tragedy when all of

the prom decorations catch fire three weeks before the big night. To save the party, Principal Dunnan (Jere Burns) orders Jesse Richter (Thomas McDonell), a motorcycle-riding truant, to help Nova rebuild everything in order to graduate. She's a conformist overachiever, he's a troubled soul; a third-grader could tell that the two will fall hard for each other by the movie's halfway point. **S.A.C.**

RIO (G, 96 minutes) With spring taking its sweet time getting here, the music, color and sheer 3-D joie de vivre of "Rio" couldn't be more welcome. At the center of "Rio's" swirling action perches Blu, a rare blue macaw who is a cozily pampered pet in Moose Lake, Minn. Voiced by the congenitally reticent Jesse Eisenberg, Blu is perfectly happy to play, snuggle and sip cocoa with his owner, Linda (Leslie

Mann). But when an ornithologist arrives announcing that only one other macaw exists — and it's a female of the species residing in Rio de Janeiro — Blu must confront leaving his comfort zone in order to save the species. Soon after arriving in Rio, however, Blu comes to feel he never should have left Moose Lake. **A.H.** **SCREAM 4** (R, 112 minutes) "Scream 4" has issues. On the one hand, it is obsessed

with itself. On the other, it suffers from a case of crushingly low self-esteem. Set 10 years after "Scream 3," the movie centers on the return of Sidney Prescott (Neve Campbell) to her hometown of Woodsboro, notable for being the site of a series of grisly murders by a psychopath, dubbed Ghostface, in a black robe and Halloween mask. Film after film, it's always Sidney

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who is the source of Ghostface's homicidal rage, and most of the victims are collateral damage: lusty teenagers, lazy cops and others who happen to get in the way. Courteney Cox and David Arquette

return as nosy newswoman-turned-writer Gayle Weathers and bumbling sheriff Dewey Riley, respectively, who are now married to each other. **M.O.**

SOUL SURFER (PG, 105 minutes) Based on the memoir of Bethany Hamilton—a surfer who, at 13, lost her arm in a 2003 shark attack and then went on to become a top-rated pro—“Soul Surfer” contains enough platitudes to stock a Hallmark

shop. Like little waves, they break, one after the other. But the whopper comes when Bethany, played by an appealing and fresh-faced AnnaSophia Robb, visits Phuket, Thailand, to help with relief efforts in the aftermath of the 2004 earthquake and catastrophic wave there. Love, she tells us, is "bigger than any tsunami." If a line like that triggers your gag reflex, then this tale of the triumph of pluck over

adversity is probably not for you. **M.O.**
SOURCE CODE (PG-13, 93 minutes)
 Jake Gyllenhaal's Colter Stevens, a decorated U.S. soldier recently deployed in Afghanistan, doesn't play much solitaire in "Source Code." The movie opens with Stevens jolting awake on a Chicago commuter train, while his pretty seat mate (Michelle Monaghan) chatters happily away about quitting her job. A few

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minutes later, a bomb goes off and he's sucked into yet another reality, a cramped metallic capsule smelling strongly of hydraulic fluid. What's going on? And who's that uniformed lady talking in Stevens' ear? As "Source Code" unfolds in a series of cleverly assembled accordion pleats, Stevens discovers he's on a mission with supernatural overtones but very real consequences. **A.H.**

WATER FOR ELEPHANTS (PG-13, 120 minutes) Like the circus that provides the setting, "Water for Elephants" is big, slick and showy. It is also undeniably effective entertainment. The standout among its star attractions is the Austrian-born Christoph Waltz as the mercurial-to-the-point-of-psychopathic August Rosenbluth. It is August who hires the film's narrator, Jacob Jankowski (Robert Pattinson), a student of veterinary medicine forced to drop out of Cornell and join the circus when his parents are killed. And it is August who is married to ravishing circus performer Marlena (Reese Witherspoon), who catches Jacob's eye. But their attraction is also the most predictable thing about "Water," which, like a well-rehearsed circus animal, occasionally has the feeling that it's merely going through the motions. **M.O.**

WIN WIN (R, 106 minutes) Paul



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In Disney's "Prom," Aimee Teegarden organizes her high school's big dance.

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stars in a wrestling picture that reinvigorates the genre with verve, warmth and heart. His character, a lawyer named Mike Flaherty, coaches his suburban New Jersey high school team, whose losing streak pretty much parallels Mike's life in general. During a court proceeding one day, he makes a sharp ethical turn with a senile client (Burt Young) that will lead him down a road as fraught with peril as

it is paved with unexpected riches. One of those surprises comes in the form of his client's grandson, a diffident teenager named Kyle, who arrives out of the blue and begins to take his place in Mike's private universe of misfit friends. The two bond in surprising and utterly cheering ways that allow "Win Win" to live up to its title both literally and emotionally. **A.H.**

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Fast Five (PG-13) Digital Projection: 11:15-1:10-3:20-4:30-6:20-7:40-9:40-10:35-12:40
Scream 4 (R) Digital Projection: 10:25
African Cats (G) Digital Projection: 8:10
Jumping the Broom (PG-13) Digital Projection: 12:50-4:10-7:20-10:10-12:45
Rio 3D (G) RealD 3D: 11:25-7:05-11:45
Water for Elephants (PG-13) OC/DA: 12:45
Source Code (PG-13) 12:20
Thor 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 11:20-12:40-3:10-4:00-6:10-7:00-9:10-9:50-12:00-12:45
Hoodwinked Tool Hood vs. Evil 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 12:30-2:50-5:00
Thor (PG-13) 1:30-4:40-7:30-10:40

Fast Five (PG-13) 1:50-5:10-8:40-11:40
Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family (PG-13) 12:10-2:40-5:30-8:00-10:30
Hanna (PG-13) 1:40-7:50
Something Borrowed (PG-13) 1:00-4:20-7:10-10:00-12:35
Water for Elephants (PG-13) 3:40-7:15-10:05-12:45
The Conspirator (PG-13) 4:50-10:45
Jumping the Broom (PG-13) 3:00-6:30-9:20-12:00

MARYLAND
AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road www.afi.com/silver

Win Win (R) Silver Babies Show: 10:00AM
Jane Eyre (PG-13) Silver Babies Show: 10:10AM
Win Win (R) 12:30-2:45-5:00-7:15-9:30
48 Hour Film Project (NR) NO PASSES: 11:00-1:00
Jane Eyre (PG-13) 12:00-2:20-4:40-7:00-9:20

AMC Loews Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com

Hoodwinked Tool Hood vs. Evil (PG) Digital Presentation: 11:35AM
Fast Five (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:15-1:05-3:55-6:45-9:40
Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 11:00-1:30-4:00-6:30-9:15
Something Borrowed (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 11:15-2:00-4:55-7:30-10:05
Jumping the Broom (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:45-1:45-4:30-7:10-10:00
Rio 3D (G) RealD 3D: 12:00-2:30-5:15-7:45-10:15
Thor 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 10:30-1:20-4:15-7:00-9:50
Hoodwinked Tool Hood vs. Evil 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 2:15-4:30-6:45-9:15
Prom (PG) 11:50-2:35-5:00-7:35-10:10

AMC Loews White Flint 5
11301 Rockville Pike www.AMCTheatres.com

Something Borrowed (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 2:00-5:00-7:45-10:30
Rio 3D (G) RealD 3D: 1:45-4:45-7:15-10:00
Thor 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 1:15-4:15-7:00-10:15
Fast Five (PG-13) 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:40
Water for Elephants (PG-13) 1:00-4:00-6:45-9:45

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way www.AMCTheatres.com

Hoodwinked Tool Hood vs. Evil (PG) Digital Presentation: 10:05-12:30
Fast Five (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:40-3:50-7:10-10:30
Scream 4 (R) Digital Presentation: 9:50
Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:20-3:20-6:20-9:20-12:00
Jumping the Broom (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 11:00-1:50-4:40-7:40-10:40
Rio 3D (G) RealD 3D: 10:40-1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10
Thor 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 10:00-1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00-1:00
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Jumping the Broom (PG-13) 10:10-12:50-3:40-6:40-9:40-12:40
Prom (PG) 11:30-2:10-4:45-7:25-10:10

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue www.landmarktheatres.com

There Be Dragons (PG-13) 1:15-4:00-7:00-9:45
Win Win (R) 1:45-4:15-6:55-9:25
Winter in Wartime (Oorlogswinter) (R) 1:50-4:25-7:10-10:00
Jane Eyre (PG-13) 1:10-3:55-9:40
Of Gods and Men (Des hommes et des dieux) (PG-13) 1:30-4:10-6:55-9:35
The Beaver (PG-13) 1:21-5:45-7:15-9:30
The Conspirator (PG-13) 1:35-4:20-7:05-9:50
Potiche (R) 2:00-4:30-7:20-9:55

Regal Bethesda 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue www.regalcinemas.com

Thor (PG-13) Digital Projection: 1:00-6:50
Rio (G) Digital Projection: 4:15-9:15
Fast Five (PG-13) Digital Projection: 1:30-4:20-7:10-10:00
Source Code (PG-13) 1:50-7:40
Rio 3D (G) RealD 3D: 1:45-6:45

Hoodwinked Tool Hood vs. Evil 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 1:10-3:15-5:30
Thor 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 2:20-3:50-4:55-7:30-8:00-9:30-10:10-10:30
Hanna (PG-13) 4:40-10:05
Prom (PG) 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:25
Something Borrowed (PG-13) 2:10-4:50-7:20-9:50
Jumping the Broom (PG-13) 2:30-5:10-7:50-10:25
Water for Elephants (PG-13) 1:15-4:00-7:05-9:55

Regal Hyattsville Royale Stadium 14
6505 America Blvd.

Rio (G) Digital Projection: 1:35-7:25
Fast Five (PG-13) Digital Projection: 1:10-4:00-6:50-9:40
Jumping the Broom (PG-13) Digital Projection: 1:15-3:50-6:45-9:45
Rio 3D (G) RealD 3D: 4:10-9:55
Hoodwinked Tool Hood vs. Evil 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 1:20-3:30-5:30
Thor 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 1:00-1:30-3:35-4:05-6:30-7:00-8:00-9:20-9:50-10:50
Fast Five (PG-13) RW/DA: 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10; 2:10-5:00-7:50-10:40
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Something Borrowed (PG-13) 1:05-3:40-7:05-10:05
Jumping the Broom (PG-13) 1:45-4:20-7:15-10:15
Water for Elephants (PG-13) 1:55-4:40-7:35-10:25

Regal Majestic 20 & IMAX
900 Elsworth Drive

Thor (PG-13) Digital Projection: 2:25-5:05-7:50-10:35
Fast Five (PG-13) Digital Projection: 12:20-2:15-3:05-5:00-5:55-7:30-8:00-8:55-10:25-10:50-11:45
Rio 3D (G) RealD 3D: 1:35-3:50-6:05-8:20-10:40
Hoodwinked Tool Hood vs. Evil 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 1:20-3:20-5:25
Thor 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 12:05-12:30-1:00-2:50-3:15-3:40-5:35-6:00-6:25-8:15-8:40-9:05-11:00-11:25-11:50
Fast Five (PG-13) RW/DA: 1:10-4:00-7:00-9:55-12:40
Thor: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) IMAX 3D: 2:00-4:40-7:20-10:10-12:45
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VIRGINIA
AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd. www.AMCTheatres.com

Dylan Dog: Dead of Night (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 2:30-5:00-7:50-10:20
The Conspirator (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10
Source Code (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:40-10:15
There Be Dragons (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT/Digital Presentation: 1:15-4:00-7:00-9:50
Rio 3D (G) RealD 3D: 1:50-4:20-6:50-9:20
Hoodwinked Tool Hood vs. Evil 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 2:20-4:50-7:15-9:30
Hoodwinked Tool Hood vs. Evil (PG) 12:10
Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family (PG-13) 1:45-4:40-7:30-10:00
Prom (PG) 1:30-4:15-7:10-9:40

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com

Hoodwinked Tool Hood vs. Evil (PG) Digital Presentation: 10:45AM
Fast Five (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:15-12:00-12:30-3:10-4:40-6:20-7:50-9:30-11:00-12:40
Scream 4 (R) Digital Presentation: 10:40
African Cats (G) AMC INDEPENDENT: 11:35-2:05
Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 2:00-4:45-7:30-10:20
Something Borrowed (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:25-1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10-12:00
Jumping the Broom (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video: 12:10-3:05-6:00-8:55-11:50
The Conspirator (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 5:35-8:30-11:30
Prom (PG) Digital Presentation: 11:20AM
Rio 3D (G) RealD 3D: 11:05-1:50-4:25-6:55-9:35

Thor 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 10:35-11:45-12:25-1:35-2:45-3:25-4:35-5:45-6:25-7:35-8:45-9:25-10:35-11:45-12:25
Hoodwinked Tool Hood vs. Evil 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 1:05-3:45-6:05-8:25
Cave of Forgotten Dreams 3D (G) AMC INDEPENDENT/RealD 3D: 9:55-12:15-2:30-4:50-7:10-9:45
Thor: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) IMAX 3D: 10:00-1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00-12:50
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Water for Elephants (PG-13) 9:50-12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40
Prom (PG) 4:30-7:20-10:05

Alexandria Old Town Theater
815 1/2 King St <http://tickets.oldtowntheater.com/>

Fast Five (PG-13) 5:00-7:30-10:00
Thor (PG-13) 5:30-7:50-10:00

Regal Ballston Common 12
671 N. Glebe Road www.regalcinemas.com

Thor (PG-13) Digital Projection: 3:10-6:00-9:00
Fast Five (PG-13) Digital Projection: 1:30-4:40-7:50-10:40
Something Borrowed (PG-13) Digital Projection: 2:10-5:00-7:45-10:25
Win Win (R) 4:55-7:30
Thor 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 3:40-6:30-9:30
Limitless (PG-13) 2:20-10:20
Fast Five (PG-13) 3:50-7:10-10:00
Hanna (PG-13) 1:10-4:00-6:50-9:40
The Lincoln Lawyer (R) 3:20-9:10
Water for Elephants (PG-13) 3:30-6:40-9:45
African Cats (G) 1:00-6:20
Jumping the Broom (PG-13) 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10

Regal Kingstowne 16
5910 Kingstowne Towne Center

Thor (PG-13) Digital Projection: 3:30-6:45-9:00-9:30
Fast Five (PG-13) Digital Projection: 11:05-12:10-2:00-3:10-5:10-6:05-8:05-9:15-10:55
African Cats (G) 12:30-2:55
Something Borrowed (PG-13) RW/DA: 11:15-1:50-4:40-7:30-10:10
Rio 3D (G) RealD 3D: 12:55-3:20-8:10
Hoodwinked Tool Hood vs. Evil 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 12:05-2:20-4:30
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Jumping the Broom (PG-13) 11:55-2:30-5:05-7:40-10:15
Prom (PG) 5:15-7:50-10:20

Regal Potomac Yard 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Highway www.regalcinemas.com

Fast Five (PG-13) Digital Projection: 3:00-6:05-9:00
Jumping the Broom (PG-13) Digital Projection: 2:00-5:00-6:30-8:00-9:30-11:00-11:55
Hoodwinked Tool Hood vs. Evil 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 1:50-4:10
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Jumping the Broom (PG-13) 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15

TV weekend lookout



HALLMARK CHANNEL

Anna Chlumsky, right, plays a free-spirited designer who takes care of her sister's kids for three weeks in this Hallmark movie.

Real Responsibilities

A carefree woman faces a reality check in '3 Weeks, 3 Kids'

Film

The Hallmark Channel celebrates Mother's Day a night early with the original movie "3 Weeks, 3 Kids." Anna Chlumsky stars as Jenni-

**SAT
9:00**

fer, a spunky designer too footloose to commit to a boyfriend, a job or adulthood.

Her free spirit and carefree lifestyle are tested when circumstances conspire to have her take care of three children for a few weeks while her over-responsible sister and her husband enjoy a long-postponed honeymoon. For the first time in

her life, Jennifer finds herself saddled with real responsibilities.

True to formula, Jennifer's sojourn in suburbia is enhanced by the presence of a hunky new neighbor, sent by the script-writing gods to convey the message that life as a soccer mom, even a surrogate soccer mom, isn't all hardship. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Best Bets

**FRI
8:00**

Smallville (CW) When Clark and Lois visit the Fortress to get Jor-El's blessing for their marriage, they get a surprise wedding gift. Jor-El gives Clark's powers to Lois so she can see what it's like to be him for a day. Unfortunately, that's the day that the Toyman comes back to town.

**SAT
9:30**

My Cat From Hell (APL) Each episode of this new series follows cat behaviorist Jackson Galaxy as he works with people whose feline friends are out of control. In the premiere, he helps two women whose cats don't get along with their significant others.



**SUN
9:30**



The Cleveland Show (FOX) Music stars will.i.am and T-Pain provide the voices of Rallo's friends Bernard (pictured) and Theodore in this new episode. The three guys perform a rap number in the school talent show with a message that gets a negative reception from their fellow students.

**SUN
10:00**

Best in Smoke (FOOD) It's all about the barbecue in this new cooking competition, which brings six masters of the cuisine to New York to vie for a \$50,000 grand prize. In the premiere, the contestants are assigned to come up with a single bite of barbecued goodness. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Specials

A Grand Stage

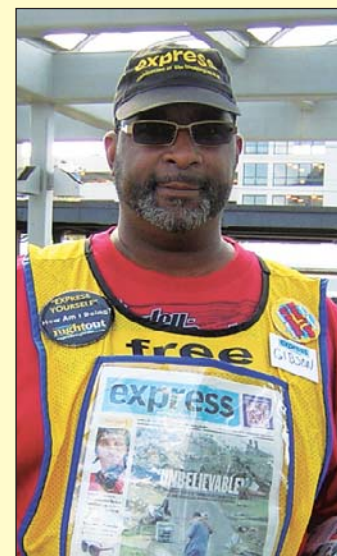
The new HBO special, "Lady Gaga Presents the Monster Ball Tour: At Madison Square Garden" (Sat., 10 p.m.), is all Gaga, all the time. Backed by a 10-piece band and 10 dancers, the flamboyant singer performs before a sold-out New York audience.

The music is framed by a story about Lady Gaga's efforts to get to a Monster Ball across town. (TM)



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Poll Center

Today's Question

SHOULD GEORGE W. BUSH HAVE JOINED PRESIDENT OBAMA AT GROUND ZERO?

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Yesterday's Results

SHOULD OBAMA APOLOGIZE FOR USING THE CODE NAME 'GERONIMO' FOR BIN LADEN?



"I do not think that it is in our best interest for the military to review code names to make sure they are politically correct."

COMMENTER GARRETT IRBY

"Yes, absolutely. It was offensive to use the name of a Native American hero to refer to one of the most despicable men in history."

COMMENTER DIOGENES

"What's next? A push for the Army to redesignate the names of their helicopters?"

COMMENTER ICBMGUY

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"Being called as cool as Boston is actually a pretty serious insult. It's a saying I use often. 'Nice, I got a parking ticket. That's as cool as Boston.'"

— **A COMMENTER AT DCIST.COM** REACTS TO A WASHINGTON POST STORY IN WHICH "A DEMOGRAPHER WITH THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTION SAID THE DISTRICT IS FOLLOWING THE SAME [DEMOGRAPHIC GROWTH] PATTERN SEEN IN BOSTON AND OTHER PLACES CONSIDERED TO BE 'COOL CITIES.'"



"I knew Simon Cowell would move mountains and walk through fire to get Cheryl [Cole] the job as judge on the show. Something is definitely going on there because Simon has turned into a big old idiot. ... All I can do is shake my headI just hope the American public see through the big hair, makeup and fake 'sweetness.'"

— **MADNEWS.WORDPRESS.COM** ISN'T SURE HOW THE U.K. POP STAR WILL GO OVER AS A JUDGE ON COWELL'S NEW SHOW, 'X-FACTOR.'

"Maybe they'll be happy with their sirens, their horns, their red-clad crowd, their rock star atmosphere, and their playoff failures. Maybe Ted Leonsis constantly talks about how the team is going to win the cup so that he'll sell tickets without actually having to win the cup. We have no idea."

— **SPORTS.YAHOO.COM/NHL/BLOG/PUCK_DADDY** WONDERS IF THE CAPITALS WILL BEGIN TO TAKE THEIR NHL POSTSEASON FAILURES SERIOUSLY AFTER ANOTHER EARLY EXIT FROM THE STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS.



"The Winnetka home made famous by the first two 'Home Alone' films has been put on the market at \$2.4 million. ... Not surprisingly, walkthroughs will be by appointment only. Sorry, fans — no open houses."

— **YOCHICAGO.COM** RELAYS NEWS THAT DEVOTEES TO THE MOVIE FRANCHISE STARRING MACAULAY CAULKIN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ROAM FREELY AROUND THE HOUSE THAT SERVED AS THE EXTERIOR FOR THE HOME IN THE 1990 FILM.



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Horoscope

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're going to want to spend some time doing a little something special for yourself in and around the home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If it's privacy you want, it's privacy you can have — but first you must dispense with one nagging bit of public business.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The more demanding you become, the more likely you are to be disappointed when all is said and done. Negotiate more gently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's important that you reach at least one of your preliminary goals; without that sort of measurable progress, frustration sets in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may be trying to decide which direction to go once a current project has come to a satisfactory conclusion. Many options are viable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may have to change your plans due to environmental forces. In other words, the weather may cramp your style at this time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Someone who has known you only a short time is likely to identify certain key motivations that may surprise even you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may feel unusual pressure from the right and the left — and you won't be able to make everyone happy with any final decision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your own creativity is aching for release; take advantage of an opportunity that comes to you as a result of unexpected changes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Stay focused, and keep your head in the game; let yourself be swayed by an attractive distraction and you may be quite sorry.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may be the source of much good fortune for those who choose to remain in your company. It's only part luck, however.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Things may evolve more quickly than expected, and you'll have to keep your wits together and be on your toes morning, noon and night.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 150-160, BEST SCORE 232

E ₁	O ₁	U ₁	N ₁	N ₁	W ₄	V ₄

3rd Letter Double

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 RACK 1

A ₁	E ₁	F ₄	L ₁	R ₁	G ₂	F ₄

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 RACK 2

E ₁	O ₁	S ₁	S ₁	T ₁	L ₁	W ₄

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 RACK 3

E ₁	U ₁	Y ₄	N ₁	K ₅	R ₁	T ₁

Triple Word Score

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 RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

W ₄	O ₁	R ₁	K ₅	M ₃	E ₁	N ₁
E ₁	G ₂	O ₁	I ₁	S ₁	M ₃	
E ₁	Q ₁₀	U ₁	I ₁	N ₁	O ₁	X ₈
T ₁	H ₄	R ₁	O ₁	U ₁	G ₂	H ₄

 PAR SCORE 155-165

 RACK 1 = 98
 RACK 2 = 9
 RACK 3 = 73
 RACK 4 = 65
 TOTAL 245

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

DIFFICULT

					4		9	
		5	8	9				
		8	6		3			4
	4	1						3
			7		1			
8						9	1	
6			4		8	1		
				2	7	4		
	7		3					

Yesterday's Solution

3	4	1	6	8	9	2	5	7
5	2	7	3	4	1	8	9	6
6	9	8	5	7	2	4	1	3
7	3	2	4	1	6	9	8	5
1	8	9	2	5	3	6	7	4
4	6	5	8	9	7	3	2	1
9	1	4	7	3	8	5	6	2
8	5	6	1	2	4	7	3	9
2	7	3	9	6	5	1	4	8

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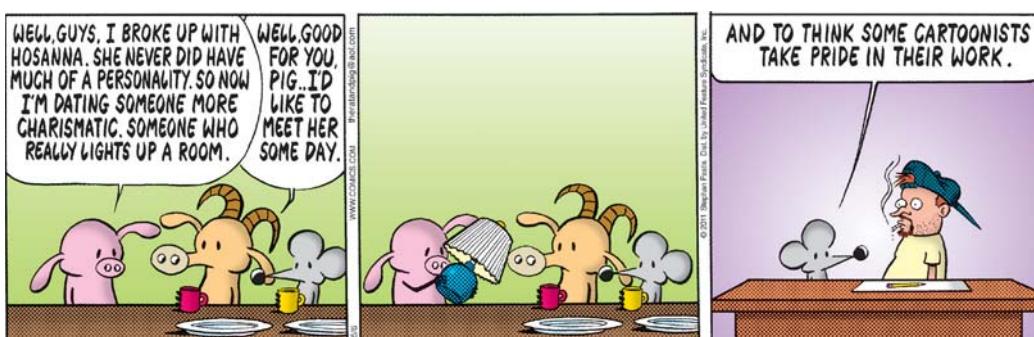
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Forecast

72 | 52

Today: A thunderstorm in spots today and tonight.

72 | 55

Tomorrow: Partly sunny tomorrow. A couple of showers late tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN **MON** **TUE**
68 | 53 72 | 54 74 | 57

Sun and Moon

 Sunrise today: 6:05 a.m.
 Sunset today: 8:05 p.m.
 Moonrise today: 8:19 a.m.
 Moonset today: 11:31 p.m.

Almanac

 Normal high: 72
 Record high: 94
 Normal low: 52
 Record low: 39

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Crossword

ANTE UP

ACROSS

1 Sunday ritual, for many
5 Mama's man
9 Shrubs with intoxicating leaves
14 Voting "no" on
15 Past one's prime, perhaps
16 Natural earth hue
17 Parrot's beak part
18 Potting soil
19 New York city
20 Prepare to toast
23 Stew holder
24 Made a speech
25 Catches red-handed
27 Spring up
30 Manipulates muscles
33 Visitor from the planet Melmac
36 Chant
38 Steps to a river, in India
39 Free-swinging affair
41 Where Harleys are mfd.
42 Civil War authority Shelby
43 Day of the wk.

44 Newspaper bigwig
46 Archery-bow
wood
47 Female sibling
49 Nine days before
the Ides of March
51 It could set off
alarms
53 Most of the
world's people
57 Cellist's need
59 Abbott, to
Costello
62 Beelike
64 Land purchase,
perhaps
65 Matador's
adversary
66 Montana
metropolis
67 Overgrill
68 "Will they ___
learn?"
69 Wedding
attendant
70 ___ of thousands
71 Seventh-day
activity, in the Bible

DOWN

1 Computer operator's timesaver

- 2 "Lend ____"
- 3 Tiny groove
- 4 Nap in Mexico
- 5 Traveling
gunslinger
- 6 Tingling with
excitement
- 7 Sound of thunder
or laughter
- 8 Commercial
designer?
- 9 Kissin' kin
- 10 Halloween's mo.
- 11 Nabisco cookie
brand
- 12 With the bow, in
music
- 13 When it's saved,
it's taken
- 21 A bit unsettling
- 22 Alcoholic
beverage often
served warm
- 26 Popular building
brick brand
- 28 Poker variety
- 29 Rose-colored dye
- 31 Prom pursuit
- 32 Stirred dinner
- 33 Withdrawal figs.
- 34 Mormon prophet
- 35 Immediately

adjacent to
37 Military alliance
gp.
40 One-named
fashion illustrator
42 Not canned or
frozen
44 Before,
formerly
45 Wild asses of
central Asia
48 Former Disney
honcho Michael
50 Parent's
temporary

replacement
52 Parcel of land
54 "Freeze! Don't
make ____!"
55 Nasal passages
56 Sound from
65-Across
57 Sir, in India
58 Work for an
orchestra, e.g.
60 Word with
"head" or "heart"
61 Persia, today
63 Partook of the
buffet

Yesterday's Solution

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	F	I	A	T	I	O	B	I	S	R	E
14	T	V	I	V	I	E	R	S	R	E	L
15	A	I	R	W	A	Y	S	O	B	E	R
16	A	L	L	E	C	U	P	A	R	E	A
17	K	E	E	L	D	I	V	U	L	G	I
18	A	D	R	O	I	V	E	R	A	T	E
19	F	B	I	M	A	G	I	S	E	A	R
20	R	E	C	H	A	R	G	E	S	I	L
21	O	L	E	O	A	S	S	E	N	A	N
22	B	L	O	B	E	S	L	O	A	F	E
23	O	V	E	R	S	D	I	V	I	E	S
24	E	D	E	R	A	T	I	D	E	A	T
25	O	E	D	G	Y	M	A	S	S	A	P

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1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13
14					15					16				
17					18					19				
20				21					22			23		
24								25			26			
			27			28	29		30				31	32
33	34	35		36				37			38			
39			40			41				42				
43					44				45			46		
47				48			49				50			
		51				52			53			54	55	56
57	58			59			60	61						
62			63			64					65			
66						67					68			
69						70					71			

Samurai Sudoku

DIFFICULT

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

3	7	9	5			1	5	3	8			
6	7	5		3	4	7	6	9	1	3		
			6	1	7	8	3	4				
9	4		8	7				9	1	2	7	
				4			7					
2	3	4		1	9							
		1	2				5		7	3		
4	9			8			2		8		7	2
	5	6				3	6				9	6

						5				9					
				9		6						3		7	
						7				6					
4		1						4		5					
5		7				8				8				8	
		8		9				3				6		4	
4		3		8		5		6				1		4	
						3				8				8	
9		1		4		3						5		6	
				2		8		1		4		7		1	
1		9		7				3		5		6		8	
3		1		4		2						2		6	

Last Week's Solution

[illegible]

Today in History

1861 Confederate President Jefferson Davis approves an act passed by the Confederate Congress recognizing that a state of war existed with the United States of America. Arkansas and Tennessee passed Ordinances of Secession from the Union.

1937 The hydrogen-filled German airship Hindenburg burns and crashes in Lakehurst, N.J., killing 35 of the 97 people on board.

1954 Medical student Roger Bannister breaks the four-minute mile in Oxford, England, in 3 minutes, 59.4 seconds.

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**SARCASM****Now, Go See 'The Beaver' With a Clear Conscience**

Mel Gibson's former girlfriend has told a judge hearing the couple's child custody dispute that she is dropping allegations that Gibson struck her during a fight last year. A source said Ok-sana Grigorieva told a family law judge Wednesday that she was withdrawing all domestic violence allegations. Most of the case is sealed and the source spoke on condition of anonymity. (AP)



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Gosh, what a difference some eyeliner makes. And cutting-edge gene splicing technology.

**ABOMINATIONS****Scientists Unleash Bristol Palin/Kim Kardashian Hybrid**

Gossip websites lost their minds over photos of Bristol Palin from a Tuesday gala. In addition to apparent weight loss, many Palin-watchers noted her newly angular jawline and cheekbones. (EXPRESS)

WHAT AWAITS**Death and Taxes: One Down, One to Go**

A Rhode Island judge has denied reality TV star Richard Hatch's bail request pending an appeal of a nine-month prison sentence for failing to pay taxes on the

\$1 million he won on "Survivor." Hatch spent over three years in prison for tax evasion. Released in 2009, he was ordered to refile his 2000 and 2001 taxes and pay what he owed. A judge in March ruled he never did. (AP)

Insanity**Crazytown's All-Star Team**

Michael Jackson, Elizabeth Taylor and Marlon Brando took a 500-mile road trip from New York to Ohio after the 9/11 attacks, according to a new Vanity Fair. Brando demanded they stop at every KFC and Burger King en route. (EXPRESS)

**OBJETS D'ART****Whoever Said There Are No New Ideas Never Saw This**

Keith Urban is offering four tickets and four VIP passes to any show on his "Get Closer World Tour" to anyone with information on a missing sculpture. The large fiberglass hand, covered in images of Urban, was stolen from outside an Eau Claire, Wisc., salon last month. (AP)



"A night at home watching a new-release DVD constituted a thoroughly stimulating evening of entertainment."

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